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Conservative doubt's raised

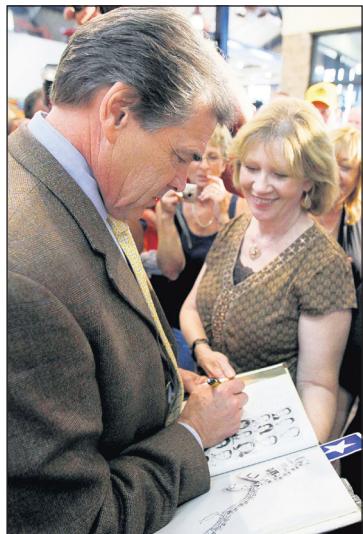
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WASHINGTON – Texas Gov.

Rick Perry has counted on the staunch support of conservatives during his two decades of statewide political triumphs in Texas. He's an anti-tax, anti-spending, anti-regulation, anti-Washington stalwart.

Richard A. Viguerie, chairman of ConservativeHQ.com and a leader on the right since the days of Ronald Reagan, called Perry a "consistent conservative" whose presidential announcement "brought a wave of relief to conservatives."



Republican presidential candidate, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, writes next to a picture of himself as a high school sophomore in the 1966 Paint Creek School yearbook, shown to him by Becky Roe of Coal Valley, Iowa, during a campaign stop at the Iowa 80 Group truck stop in Walcott, Iowa, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011. (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

Then why are some conservative bloggers and activists warning others on the political right about a Perry presidential candidacy? "Before Republicans start salivating too heavily, it is important to examine Perry closely," says conservative talk-show host David Zublick.

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President of Valero Bill Klesse: \$100 to \$200M to be invested into Valero Aruba



ORANJESTAD – President of Valero Mr. Bill Klesse arrived on Aruba on Monday, August 15th and met with the Mike Eman Cabinet. On Tuesday midday, Mr Klesse together with Mr.s Ray Buckley, Prime Minister Eman and Minister Mike de Meza held a press conference. Also present for the conference was a delegation from San Antonio, Texas together with Mr. Frank Hoevertsz and Mr. Freddy Rafini. Prime Minister Eman opened the conference

by personally appreciating Mr. Klesse for his grand efforts for re-opening the refinery and the deliberation to maintain it in operation. The inversion of \$100 million dollars will stimulate Aruba's economy enormously and it shows the confidence in the current government. Prime Minister Eman also praised Mr. Ray Buckley for his round-the-clock work to keep Valero running smoothly. Mr. Klesse is pleased to be on Aruba where the excellent team is

working hard at the Valero Refinery under the guide of Mr. Buckley. "We have invested more than \$100 million dollars to re-open the Aruba Refinery. We see that it is necessary to invert between \$100 and \$200 million more in the year to come.

We will continue to work with the project as the Aruba Refinery has a great future," said Klesse in a translation from English to Papiamento back to English.

After the great news, Mr.

Klesse said that the Aruba Refinery is very competitive and the team is dedicated to Aruba and has great interest in the community and has great cooperation from the Aruba public. "We have a tremendous relationship with the Government of Aruba and we are very optimistic about the future. We had a great presentation here on the island this morning and I am very satisfied with the dedication of our people here," Klesse concluded. □

Another goof on the trail for Bachmann

SARAH WHEATON

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Before making her pitch for the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday in Spartanburg, S.C., Rep. Michele Bachmann paused to show some respect.

"Let's all say happy birthday to Elvis Presley today," Bachmann said, pointing out that his version of the song "Promised Land" had been part of her pre-speech soundtrack.

"You can't do better than Elvis Presley," she added. But the crowds at Graceland in Memphis, Tenn.,



were not carrying birthday candles at a midnight gathering but white tapers.

They were holding a vigil on the 34th anniversary

Republican presidential candidate, Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., speaks to supporters at the Beacon Drive-in, Tuesday, August 16, 2011, in Spartanburg, S.C. (AP Photo/ Richard Shiro)

of the King's death. It was not the first time Bachmann, R-Minn., has mixed up her history.

In March, she told a crowd in Manchester, N.H., "You're the state where the shot was heard around the world in Lexington and Concord."

In truth, those first battles of the Revolutionary War were in Massachusetts, not New Hampshire.

Unlike New Hampshire, and fortunately for Bachmann, Tennessee does not hold an early nominating contest. □

Clinton launches business loan program in Haiti

JACOB KUSHNER

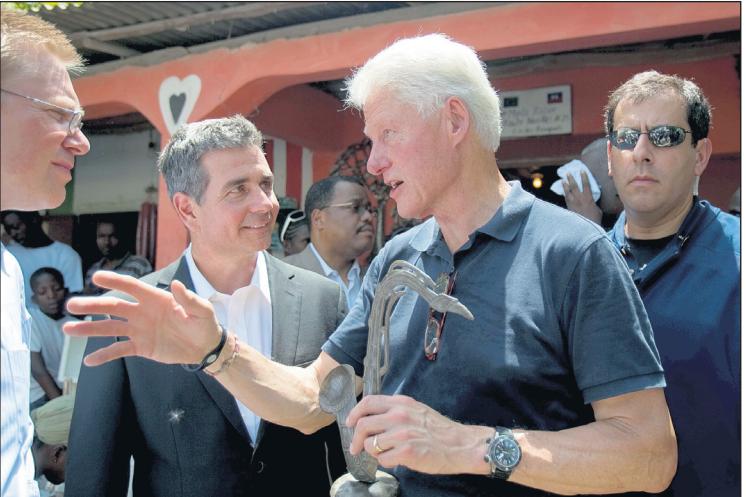
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton launched a new business loan program in Haiti on Tuesday aimed at helping bolster an economy that was devastated by the January 2010 earthquake.

Clinton said the first loan in the \$20 million program is being made to Caribbean Craft, which produces colorful goods such as carnival masks, sculptures and paintings for export and lost its workshop in the earthquake.

The company is receiving a loan of \$415,000, with interest to be paid back to the program to help make additional loans in the future, Clinton told reporters as he toured Caribbean Craft's workshop near the airport in Port-au-Prince. He said the money will help the operation hire 200 more workers. He didn't say how many



Former U.S. President and UN special envoy to Haiti, Bill Clinton, center, carrying a piece of art, a present from artisans depicting a saxophone, talks to Scott Griffin, second from left, Vice President of GREIF Company, during a visit to an artisan center in Croix des Bouquets, outskirts of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011.

(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

employees it has now. Clinton, who has been active in Haiti reconstruction through his foundation and as co-chairman of the Interim Haiti Recovery Commission, said he had been "surprised and disturbed" to learn of the difficult loan terms available for even

Haitian businesses with solid credit.

"One of the biggest problems in growing the Haitian economy is that there is really no facility that grants small business loans on reasonable terms," he said.

Recently, Clinton invited Caribbean Craft owner

Magalie Dresse to a buyers' conference in New York, where representatives from Macy's, Pottery Barn and other companies signed contracts with the Haitian business.

She said the \$415,000 loan, which carries an interest rate of 6.5 percent, will "allow us to respond to the demand that we're getting now."

"The space that we have is so small, we can't welcome enough people to continue orders," Dresse said.

"On the Haitian market, the lowest we'd be getting was between 12 and 15 percent.

Plus we had to add to it the fees that come with it." Clinton also addressed a collective of metal sculptors in the adjacent Croix-des-Bouquets, a Haitian city long famous for its artistic community.

"Over the long run, what Haiti needs most is for the ability of every Haitian to

make a good living doing what he or she can do best," Clinton told an audience of about 50 metal artisans Tuesday morning.

Ohio-based steel drum manufacturer Greif Inc., a member of the Clinton Global Initiative, is shipping 40 tons of steel parts so the Haitian artisans can melt it down and hammer it into elaborate designs and patterns to sell as wall decorations.

About half has already made it to Haiti.

The Croix-des-Bouquets artists said they struggled since the quake to find materials to create their crafts.

"After the earthquake, I didn't have work because markets closed, and the material in the market was too expensive to buy," said 38-year-old metal artisan Jean Pierre Richard Desroliers.

"Now with this material, we can make a profit for the entire community." □

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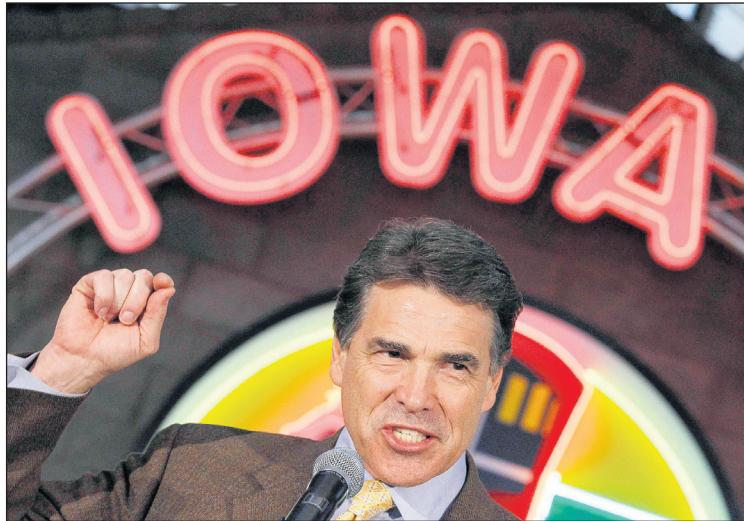
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Perry raises doubts among some conservatives



Republican presidential candidate, Texas Gov. Rick Perry makes a campaign stop at the Iowa 80 Group in Walcott, Iowa, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

"His conservative bona fides leave much to be desired."

That view is a distinct minority among conservatives, most of whom see Perry as a palatable option against the more moderate GOP aspirant, Mitt Romney. And it is a situation that Perry advisers find laughable.

"I find it humorous that anyone who looks at the governor's record could doubt his conservative credentials," says Dave Carney, Perry's top political strategist.

"Those folks really need to get out of the sun, hydrate and seek medical assistance if this condition continues."

Still, here are 10 things about the Texas governor that cause at least some conservatives to turn red:

1. His avowed support for the Tenth Amendment.

Perry has often spoken – and written – about his

fundamental belief that all powers not explicitly granted to the federal government in the Constitution belong to the states.

"You either have to believe in the 10th Amendment or you don't," the governor said last month at a ceremonial bill signing in Houston. "You can't believe in the 10th Amendment for a few issues and then something that doesn't suit you say, 'We'd rather not have states decide that.'"

That's fine with conservatives when he's talking about environmental regulation or health-care mandates. But when Perry crossed the line and said he was "fine" with New York adopting a law legalizing same-sex marriage, the Religious Right erupted, saying the federal government had the power to trump states' rights on abortion and gay marriage, among other social issues. □

Facing flurry of lawsuits, a governor loses a round

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MIAMI – Gov. Rick Scott, a Republican conservative, took office this year on a promise to shake things up. That he did, and now the aggrieved – teachers, prison workers, food stamp recipients, doctors – are plastering him with lawsuits. The lawsuits have rolled in over the past few months, making Scott as popular in the legal sphere as he is at a Tea Party meet-and-greet. On Tuesday, he lost a round. The Florida Supreme Court concluded that Scott "overstepped his constitutional authority" and "violated the separation of powers" when he suspended all proposed rules until he could review and approve them. It was the governor's first executive order. A majority of judges stated that Scott encroached on the state Legislature's authority when he opted to unilaterally freeze rule-making. The governor, who issued the order to stave off any burdensome rules for the private sector, was sued in June by a blind Miami woman collecting food stamps. The woman, Rosalie Whiley, said that Scott delayed a rule that made it easier for her to collect food stamps. "It's a disappointment," Scott said about the decision. "You know, think about it. The secretaries of these agencies report to me. They work for me at will, then I'm not supposed to supervise them? It doesn't make any sense." But the governor has many more chances to

vindicate himself in court. He is being sued for requiring state agencies to test job applicants for drugs and conduct random screening on existing employees (none are taking place pending the outcome of the lawsuit). Florida doctors and their lobbyists are suing him to block a law that hampers

for taking 3 percent of their salaries and shifting the money into the pension system. The unions say the state violated its contractual obligation to the workers and broke the law. At the same time, the union that represents state correctional officers is suing him in the hope of derailing a plan to privatize 30 Flori-



Florida Gov. Rick Scott during a state employee service recognition ceremony at the State Capitol, in Tallahassee, Fla., July 29, 2011. Over the past few months Gov. Scott has received several lawsuits from teachers, prison workers, food stamp recipients and doctors.

(Jason Henry/The New York Times)

their ability to ask patients about guns in their homes. The law states that any question about guns must be relevant to the patient's case. Three unions representing state workers, including the teachers union, filed a class-action suit against the governor

da prisons. Also pending is a lawsuit that challenges the governor and his administration over the implementation of a new voting law, which would among other things tighten rules on third-party registration, until the Department of Justice completes a full review. □

Man shot dead after US Facebook hit allegations

MARYCLAIRE DALE

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — London Eley and Timothy Bynum insist they were just blowing off steam when they posted a Facebook exchange about a plot to kill the father of Eley's baby. But target Corey White's family saw the posts this spring and called police. A Philadelphia judge on Monday upheld felony charges against the pair, who've been detained since their June arrest.

Hours later, the 22-year-old White was gunned down on a southwest Philadelphia street.

"I get the speculative connection to my client," said defense lawyer Gerald Stein, who represents Eley. "The hearing being yester-

day and then, boom, the guy's dead a couple of hours later?"

He believes it's mere coincidence — but is nevertheless glad his client was still in custody Monday night when White was killed.

Police said they have several leads in the precision hit on White, not all of them related to the Facebook plot.

Detectives in nearby Upper Darby had been looking to talk to White about a July 18 slaying outside a nightclub. They have a warrant for the suspected gunman, but heard talk that White was the getaway driver and wanted to question him, Superintendent Michael Chitwood said Tuesday. Police believe the man who shot White had carjacked

two movie-goers in Upper Darby at 7:30 p.m., then driven the car to White's neighborhood nearby. One or two men in the car briefly argued with White before the gunman stepped outside and shot him once in the chest. The stolen car was found torched four hours later.

"It could be the Facebook caper that the girlfriend (allegedly arranged) ... or it could be in retaliation for

this homicide," Chitwood told The Associated Press.

Eley, who turned 20 last month, was fighting with White this spring about custody of their baby, among other things. The baby was staying with White's family, Stein said.

"That was part of the underlying contention," the attorney said.

After a heated argument in May, police say, Eley wrote on her Facebook page: "I

will pay somebody a stack to kill my baby father."

The 18-year-old Bynum, of nearby Darby, answered the call, police alleged.

"Say no more ... what he look like ... where he be at ... need that stack 1st," Bynum allegedly wrote.

A "stack" is slang for \$1,000. Stein has argued that his client was merely venting about her ex-boyfriend and had no intention of following through. □



Actors dressed in beach attire participate in a flash mob as part of a commercial for McDonald's in Chicago. Thanks to websites like Twitter and Facebook, more and more so-called flash mobs are materializing across the globe, leaving police scrambling to keep tabs on the spontaneous assemblies.

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U.S. parents forgo marriage for cohabitation, report finds

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WASHINGTON — The number of Americans with children who live together without marrying has increased twelvefold since 1970, according to a report released Tuesday. The report states that children now are more likely to have unmarried parents than divorced parents.



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The report was published by the National Marriage Project, an initiative at the University of Virginia, and the Institute for American Values, two partisan groups that advocate for strengthening the institution of marriage. The report argues that the rise of cohabitation is a growing risk for children, and that their lives are less stable in such families.

The report cites data from the Census Bureau, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and includes work from 18 researchers who study family issues.

According to the National Survey of Family Growth, part of the CDC, 42 percent of children have lived with cohabitating parents by age 12, far more than the 24 percent whose parents have divorced.

The numbers also suggest a correlation with class. Americans with only a high school diploma are far more likely to cohabit than are college graduates, according to the report.

"There's a two-family model emerging in American life," said W. Bradford Wil-

cox, director of the National Marriage Project and an associate professor of sociology at the University of Virginia. "The educated and affluent enjoy relatively strong, stable families. Everyone else is more likely to be consigned to unstable, unworkable ones." Cohabiting parents, Wilcox said, are more than twice as likely to break up as parents who are married.

Obama: 'Lone wolf' terror attack biggest U.S. worry

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said Tuesday that a "lone wolf" terror attack in the U.S. is more likely than a major coordinated effort like the Sept. 11 attacks nearly a decade ago. With the nation preparing to observe the 10th anniversary of hijacked airliners crashing in New York and Washington and in the Pennsylvania countryside, Obama said the government is in a state of heightened awareness. "The biggest concern we have right now is not the launching of a major terrorist operation, although that risk is always there," the president said in an interview with CNN.

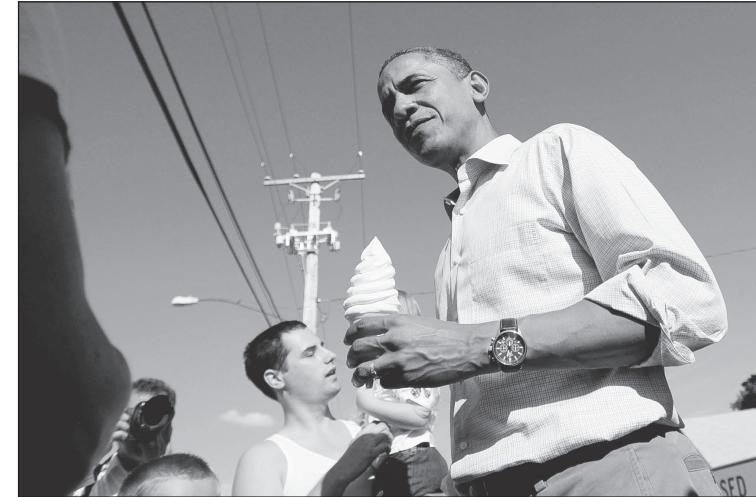
"The risk that we're especially concerned over right now is the lone wolf terrorist, somebody with a single weapon being able to carry out wide-scale massacres of the sort that we saw in Norway recently," he said. "You know, when you've got one person who is deranged or driven by a hateful ideology, they can do a lot of damage, and it's a lot harder to trace those lone wolf operators." In Norway, Anders Behring Breivik, 32, was charged with killing 69 people last month at a youth camp. A lawyer for Breivik says his client believes the massacre was necessary to save Norway and Europe from Muslims and punish politicians who have embraced multiculturalism.

In recent years the U.S. has endured terror-linked attacks that authorities believe were carried out by a single person. In November 2009, 13 people were killed at Fort Hood, Texas, in a shooting that led to charges against an Army psychiatrist whom authorities allege had become an Islamic extremist.

A botched car bomb in New York's Times Square in 2010 and a Dec. 25, 2009, attempt to bring down a U.S.-bound jetliner with a bomb also were tied by authorities to one person in each instance.

In the CNN interview, Obama said the government continues to monitor and gather information

about potential terror plots even though al-Qaida's capabilities have been degraded. □



President Barack Obama holds a soft serve ice cream cone during a visit to DeWitt Dairy Treats, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011, in DeWitt, Iowa, during his three-day economic bus tour.

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School kitchens discover value of real meals

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GREELEY, Colo. — The idea of making school lunches better and healthier has gathered steam in many places in recent years, but not equally for every child. Schools with money and involved parents concerned about obesity and nutrition charged ahead, while poor and struggling districts, overwhelmed by hard times, mostly did not. This gritty middle-sized city in northern Colorado, where 60 percent of the 19,500 K-12 students qualify for free or reduced-price meals, is trying to break the mold.

When classes start Thursday, the district will make a great leap forward — and at the same time back to the way it was done a generation ago — in cooking meals from scratch.

Factory food took over most U.S. schools in a rolling, greasy wave of chicken nuggets and prepped everything over the past few decades.

Now, real ingredients and spices like cumin and garlic — and in a modern twist, fiber-laden carrots snuck in where kids don't expect them, like pasta sauce — are making their return to

the cafeteria tray. Getting ready for that counter-revolution here involved, among other things, a weeklong boot camp to relearn forgotten arts like kitchen math — projecting

ingredients to scale when making, say, 300 pans of lasagna, which cooks were doing this week — and food safety in cooking temperatures for meat.

"It shows it's not just for the



Members of the Weld County District 6 cooking staff assemble thousands of bean and cheese burritos that will be served to school children, at the district's central kitchen in Greeley, Colo. After decades of serving pre-prepared food to children, school districts around the country are turning back time in an attempt to fight obesity by serving healthier, made from scratch, meals.

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elite," said Jeremy West, nutrition services director for Weld County District 6.

Colorado, which has been the least obese state since federal health measurements of American girth began, is a leader in the back-to-scratch movement. Of the 100 or so districts nationally that have worked with Cook for America, a group that trains school cooks in healthier lunch-ways — and ran Greeley's boot camp — more than half are in Colorado, including schools in the largest districts in Denver, Colorado Springs and Boulder.

Nutrition experts say that many school systems, however much they might want to improve the food they serve, have been profoundly distracted by years of budget cuts and constrictions. Many face structural problems too. Some newer schools have tiny kitchens designed only for reheating pre-made meals, while some older schools have outdated electrical wiring that cannot handle modern equipment. Many

districts, and their lawyers, have also grown fearful of handling and cooking raw meat, as food-borne illnesses like E. coli have made headlines.

"A lot of schools are looking to prepare more items from scratch, and starting to prepare more, but there are tremendous hurdles," said Diane Pratt-Heavner, a spokeswoman for the School Nutrition Association, a nonprofit membership organization of school nutrition professionals.

Greeley's schools will be at about 75 percent scratch cooking on the opening day of school, aiming to reach 100 percent by this time next year, when ovens and dough mixers for whole-wheat pizza crust will be up and running. But already, the number of ingredients in an average meal — not to mention ones that sound like they came from chemistry class — is plummeting.

Consider the bean burrito: Last year, in arriving factory-ready and wrapped in cellophane, each one had more than 35 ingredients, from potassium citrate to zinc oxide.

This year: 12, including real cheddar cheese. Premixed Italian salad dressing went from 19 ingredients to nine, with sodium reduced by almost three-fourths, and sugar — the fourth ingredient in the factory blend — eliminated entirely.

Statistics showing obesity rates growing faster here in Weld County than in surrounding areas gave the project impetus with district administrators, West said, and the argument was then cinched by the numbers, which showed that going back to scratch would not in fact cost more at all but could in fact save the district money in the long run.

From the Colorado Health Foundation, a nonprofit group that has helped districts all over the state return to healthy cooking, Greeley got \$273,000 in grants, which helped defray much of the \$360,000 for construction and new equipment. □



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Despite the odds, a jazz label finds a way to thrive

NATE CHINEN

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Steve Coleman and Five Elements were deep into one of their horizonless, hypnotic inventions at the Newport Jazz Festival this month, and the tent-sheltered crowd seemed duly absorbed. Coleman's alto saxophone slashed through the air, often in off-kilter counterpoint with the vocalist Jen Shyu. The shifting rhythmic base was punctuated by the drummer Tyshawn Sorey, who called to mind an octopus, limbs moving in steady flow. It was all a vivid barometer reading from Coleman's pressure system and, by extension, a reflection on Pi Recordings, his current label home.

Small but significant, with a recent track record that includes some of the most acclaimed releases in jazz, Pi is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, in typical style. "The Mancy of Sound," Coleman's sharp new album with Five Elements, was released in late July; "Synastry," a chamberlike duo outing by Shyu and the bassist Mark Dresser, is due out next week; and Sorey will make his label debut as a bandleader in September, with "Oblique 1," a state-of-the-art quintet album. And from Wednesday through the end of August, Pi has programmed the Stone in the East Village, featuring artists either on the label's roster or just one degree of separation away.

"I don't think there's any other label — major, indie, mainstream or otherwise — that has had such a consistent string of recordings widely considered, at least among critics, to be among the most important releases of the year," said Steve



Yulun Wang, left, and Seth Rosner, the producers of Pi Recordings, a label that focuses on jazz musicians, in New York. After ten years of recording music Pi, has not only survived and thrived, in the process its catalog has gradually influenced the sound of jazz, at least among younger musicians on the forward edge.

(Ruby Washington/The New York Times)

Lehman, a saxophonist whose 2009 octet album, "Travail, Transformation, and Flow," was one example. (Along with Sorey and the pianist Vijay Iyer, Lehman is also a member of Fieldwork, the collective trio that will kick things off at the Stone on Wednesday and Thursday.)

Avant-garde jazz is notoriously marginalized music, and the afflictions now plaguing the recording industry are well known. But through a selective release schedule, a careful eye on the budget, a thoughtful approach to promotion and, crucially, a sense of cultivation and commit-

ment to its artists, Pi has not only survived but has also managed to thrive. In the process its catalog has gradually influenced the sound of jazz over the past decade, at least among younger musicians on the forward edge.

Pi is run by two partners, Seth Rosner and Yulun Wang, who share an energetic enthusiasm and a body of musical knowledge but can otherwise suggest a classic odd couple. Rosner, 38, works in his family's business — coordinating marketing services for the real estate industry — but conveys the laid-back air of Brooklyn's

creative class. He formed Pi initially as an outlet for the multirealist composer Henry Threadgill, whom he had met while serving as the label manager for Knitting Factory Works. Pi's first two albums, simultaneously released, were both by Threadgill: "Everybody's Mouth's a Book," featuring his long-running band Make a Move, and "Up Popped the Two Lips," with a new group he called Zooid.

Wang joined the operation about a year later. "I was coming off 18 years in finance, mostly in investment banking," he said during a joint interview with Rosner

at a Greenwich Village pub. "I had essentially said, 'Enough of this.'" Seeking a more fulfilling career, he began cold calling around the jazz scene, which he had long followed as a fan. "I owned the two Threadgill records and thought, 'Who is this guy?'" Wang recalled, referring to Rosner. "This label kind of came out of nowhere, and this guy has the exact same taste as I do." They met, hit it off and soon fell into what both describe as an intuitive, equal division of labor. "I tend to be more of a taskmaster," Wang, 45, said. "But we split things right down the middle."

From the start, Pi had both a competitive advantage and an aesthetic guideline in its affiliation with the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians, a self-sustaining, artist-run organization formed in 1965. Threadgill was among its earliest members, as were the next two artists to record for Pi, the saxophonist Roscoe Mitchell and the trumpeter Wadada Leo Smith.

"I was very interested, as we still are, in the AACM," Rosner said of the organization. "It embodied everything I thought was positive in an alternative to the mainstream."

Pi has since released albums by other members of the association, including its patriarch, the pianist Muhal Richard Abrams. □

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Thousands fled assault on Palestinian enclave in Syria

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BEIRUT — U.N. officials said Tuesday that as many as 10,000 residents of a Palestinian refugee neighborhood in the Syrian port city of Latakia had fled during a four-day assault, as security forces carried out more arrests and intimidation in what residents said was a government attempt to rebuild a wall of fear in one of Syria's largest cities.

Latakia, on the country's Mediterranean coast, is the third locale to bear the full brunt of military and security forces this month, although the government has also persisted in its crackdown on the suburbs of Damascus and Homs, the third-largest city. The violence this month has provoked international condemnations that have grown sharper, but still stopped short of demanding President Bashar Assad step down.

On Tuesday in Washington, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said it was more effective to forge international consensus against Assad — as well as intensify economic pressure through sanctions — than for the United States alone to lead the way.

"It's not going to be any news if the United States says Assad needs to go," Clinton said



In this photo taken on a government-organized tour, a girl waves a national flag as Syrian soldiers withdraw from the eastern city of Deir el-Zour, Syria, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011. State-run news agency SANA said army units began withdrawing from Deir el-Zour Tuesday after ridding the city of "armed terrorist gangs" in an operation that lasted several days.

(AP Photo/Bassem Tellawi)

at the National Defense University. "OK, fine, what's next? If Turkey says it, if King Abdullah says it, if other people say it, there is no way the Assad regime can ignore it." The U.N. Relief and Works Agency, which assists Palestinian refugees, said that it had no information on the whereabouts of the Latakia Palestinians. Activists have said many of the displaced have left for the countryside or Aleppo, Syria's second-largest city, to the northeast.

"A forgotten population

has now become a

disappeared population," said Christopher Gunness, spokesman for the agency in Jerusalem, calling the situation "very, very worrying."

The refugee neighborhood, Raml, was set up after 1948, when Palestinians fled or were expelled from their homes during the fighting at the creation of Israel. It grew into one of the city's largest neighborhoods, drawing poor job-seekers, but still lacks some basic services. Demonstrations have erupted there and in nearby neighborhoods since the country's uprising began in March, and

activists there insisted the crackdown would fail to quell the spirit of dissent.

"The residents in Raml will rally the same day the army pulls out," said one resident, Ahmed Bogdash. "They are poor and they have nothing to lose."

Gunness said forces had directed heavy fire into the neighborhood and that Syrian security officials had told some of the residents to leave, suggesting an impending military operation. By Tuesday, Raml was "all but

deserted," he added, citing latest reports from what he described as a broad range of reliable sources.

The Syrian authorities have so far refused the refugee agency access to Raml, he said, leading to fears that some wounded or elderly residents could be stranded. The reports from Latakia made headlines in Palestinian newspapers in the West Bank on Tuesday and prompted a strong response from Palestinian officials, although there was no evidence that the Raml neighborhood itself was a specific target of the crackdown. Other nearby areas, particularly the most restive, have been similarly besieged, activists say.

"We urge the Syrian authorities to stop the attack on the refugee camp immediately," said Nabil Abu Rudeineh, a spokesman for the Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas. "It is unacceptable, we cannot accept it," he said. Another senior Palestinian official, Yasser Abed Rabbo, has described the attack on Raml as "a crime against humanity." Speaking on the official Voice of Palestine Radio on Tuesday, Abed Rabbo said that the Syrian regime had "lost rationality." "It is a regime that slaughters its people and practices the ugliest forms of suppression including displacement and bombardment," he said. □



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Argentina: DNA links suspect to slayings

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Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentine investigators have DNA and ballistics evidence that implicates some of the eight suspects under arrest in last month's slayings of two French tourists, a court spokesman said Tuesday. Investigators believe Cassandre Bouvier, 29, and Houria Moumni, 20, were raped and killed July 15 by a group of men who followed the academics from Sorbonne University up a popular hiking trail, the Quebrada de San Lorenzo, outside the provincial capital of Salta. Their bodies were found two weeks later. Marcelo Baez, the court spokesman in Argentina's Salta province, said DNA from semen found in Moumni's body matches that of Gustavo Lasi, a part-time tour guide whose girlfriend was found with a camera and cellphone belonging to the victims. Genetic testing is continuing with French government participation in the biochemistry department of the University of Buenos Aires.

It has been difficult to identify the semen found in Bouvier's body because she was raped by multiple people, Baez said. He said investigators also are analyzing skin and hair from the attackers, evidence recovered from Bouvier's fingernails and in Moumni's fist after both apparently put up a fight. Lasi allegedly owned a .22-caliber rifle that ballistics tests show was used to kill Bouvier, Baez said. It passed through the hands of several of the suspects before police recovered it. Other tests match a .22-caliber pistol to the shot in the back that left Moumni slowly bleeding to death, Baez said. That pistol was recovered from the property of Raul Sarmiento, an ex-convict who did time for sexual assault, along with a machete and knives that could have been used to cut off the women's clothing. □

Yemeni president: 'See you soon in Sanaa'

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Associated Press

SANA, Yemen (AP) — Embattled Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh vowed Tuesday to return home from Saudi Arabia, a move which could set off a violent new phase in the impoverished country's six-month uprising seeking to topple his regime. Security across Yemen has collapsed during the revolt, with al-Qaida-linked militants controlling entire towns in the country's south and anti-government tribes clashing with security forces elsewhere. In just the past two days, at least 33 were killed in two days of fighting north of the capital, medical officials said.

Saleh, Yemen's ruler for 33 years, has maintained power throughout the uprising despite massive protests, defections by military commanders, growing international pressure to transfer power and a bomb attack on his palace that left him badly injured. He has been in neighboring Saudi Arabia recovering from severe burns and other wounds since June 5. Speaking Tuesday in a televised address from the Saudi capital, Saleh vowed to return home, telling his supporters: "See you soon in Sanaa."

He also lashed out at his opponents, calling them, "exploiters, war merchants, and street looters." Saleh, who only last week left the hospital in Riyadh, appeared to be in better shape compared to his first appearance after the attack, when he looked stiff and frail.

Other than the medical white gloves covering his burnt hands, Saleh seemed to have recovered. His face appeared to have healed from the burns, and he moved comfortably and confidently in front of the camera.

Saleh didn't refer to a power-transfer deal — backed by Saudi Arabia and the U.S. — which offers him immunity from prosecution if he steps down.

The Yemeni leader has three times agreed to the

deal, put forward by Arab Gulf states, only to back out on each occasion at the last minute.

The proposal would see Saleh transfer power to his

The recent clashes broke out Monday when government forces in tanks and armored vehicles tried to raid a number of Arhab villages and local fighters mobilized

"war" and said it is the regime's most violent strike in the region in months. A military official confirmed the raids but did not comment on army casualties.



Backdropped by a poster showing Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, tribesmen loyal to Saleh attend a conference to discuss their country's crisis in Sanaa, Yemen, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011. President Ali Abdullah Saleh says he will return to Yemen soon and renewed his calls for early presidential elections. Saleh spoke Tuesday from Saudi Arabia, where he has been recuperating from wounds he suffered in a June attack on his palace compound in the Yemeni capital of Sanaa.

deputy, who would then call presidential elections. On Tuesday, Saleh said he is willing hand over power to his vice president if the armed tribal fighters who support the protesters are pulled from the streets and the opposition ends its demonstrations.

The opposition has rebuffed past overtures from Saleh, calling them insincere, and it was not immediately clear whether it would take the president's offer seriously this time. Security forces have repeatedly clashed with anti-government tribesmen during the uprising, with some of the fiercest fighting taking place north of Sanaa.

Medical officials said Tuesday at least 33 were killed in fighting in the past two days in the Arhab region.

Tensions between Arhab tribes and Saleh have turned violent since the start of the uprising. The tribes accuse the government of indiscriminately shelling their villages and killing civilians.

The government claims the tribesmen are linked to al-Qaida.

to keep them out, said eyewitness Kamal Salami.

He described the government advance as "total

All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters. □

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China denies Pakistan gave it helicopter access

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BEIJING (AP) — China has rejected media reports that Pakistan gave it access to a radar-evading helicopter that crashed during the U.S. mission to kill Osama bin Laden, calling them "preposterous." The international business newspaper Financial Times reported Sunday that Pakistan allowed Chinese military engineers to photograph and take samples of the stealth chopper before giving it back to the U.S. In its first public response, China's Defense Ministry said in a one-line statement late Tuesday, "This report is baseless and preposterous."

The U.S. suspects that Pakistan shared the technology with China in retaliation for its May 2 raid that killed bin Laden on Pakistani soil, humiliating Islamabad.

A Pakistani official has denied the charge, saying Pakistan was aware the U.S. had bin Laden's compound and the helicopter wreckage under round-the-clock surveillance after the raid, so it would know whether foreign technical experts had examined it.

The helicopter was one of two modified Black Hawks that defense experts said evidently used radar-evading technology plus

noise and heat suppression devices to slip across the Afghan-Pakistan border, avoid detection by Pakistani air defenses and deliver two dozen Navy SEALs into the hiding place of the al-Qaida leader.

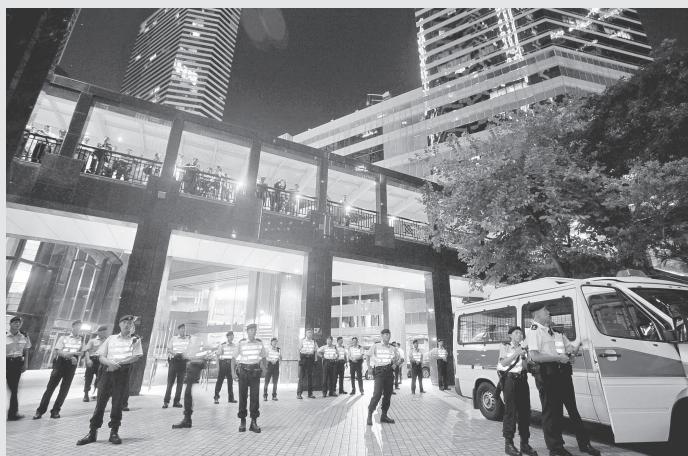
One of the choppers crash-landed during the mission. Before leaving with bin Laden's corpse, commandos blew up the main body of the chopper, apparently to keep its stealth components secret.

Photos of the wreckage with the tail still visible flashed around the world, drawing immediate chatter among defense experts who noticed it appeared to have previously undisclosed technology.

The relationship between the U.S. and Pakistan took a nose dive after the bin Laden

raid, which prompted celebrations in the U.S. but anger and embarrassment in Islamabad. Ties were already strained despite billions of dollars in American aid over the last decade because of Pakistan's reluctance to target Taliban militants on its territory who stage cross-border attacks against NATO troops in Afghanistan.

In contrast to the fickle Washington relations, Pakistan calls its relationship with China an "all-weather friendship." China provides Pakistan with aid and investment, while Pakistan offers Beijing diplomatic backing, including among Islamic nations who might otherwise criticize China's handling of its Muslim Uighur (pronounced WEE'-gur) minority. □



Police officers stand guard outside a hotel where China's Vice Premier Li Keqiang stay in Hong Kong Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011. Li is on a three-day visit to Hong Kong.

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Mexican soldiers kill 8 suspected cartel gunmen

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Associated Press

MORELIA, Mexico (AP) — Eight suspected drug cartel gunmen were killed in a shootout early Tuesday with Mexican soldiers in the western state of Michoacan, a government official said.

A Defense Department official who was not authorized to be quoted by



The bodies of two men shot dead next to the Caleta beach, background, lie, one of them covered, in the Pacific resort city of Acapulco, Mexico, Tuesday Aug. 16, 2011. The city of Acapulco has been hit by violence as drug gangs continue to battle for control of the region.

(AP Photo/Bernardino Hernandez)

name said an army patrol overtook a convoy suspected of transporting a drug cartel leader in a rural area south of the state capital of Morelia.

One of the vehicles split off to confront the soldiers, apparently to allow two other vehicles to escape, the official said. Seven suspected cartel gunmen died inside a bullet-ridden pickup

said. Local television host Andres Palacios was shot in the head Tuesday as he drove in a working class neighborhood, the Guerrero state police said.

A city police officer was shot dead as he left a convenience store and minutes later gunmen killed another officer and two civilians, authorities said in a statement. □

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Chavez says feeling better, illness 'not serious'

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Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Tuesday that he's improving after undergoing a second round of chemotherapy in Cuba to treat his cancer, and boasted that he's never felt healthier.

"I could stand here talking for five hours," said Chavez, one of the world's most loquacious leaders.

The socialist leader, who returned from Cuba on Saturday, said he doesn't know yet if he will need a third round of chemotherapy. He said his medical team also will decide if he needs a second round of radiation treatment.

"I'm doing very well. In fact, I've never been better," Chavez told journalists after a meeting at the presidential palace with Maria Emma Mejia, secretary-general of South America's UNASUR organization.

"It's not serious," he said of his illness. He added that "I don't have metastasis," the medical term for the spread of cancer from one organ to another.

Chavez, who appeared on the steps of the palace with his head completely shaven, said he has been taking extremely good care of himself since the cancer was diagnosed.

"Everybody knows chemotherapy has a tough impact and for that reason I must be very careful everyday regarding an infection, a germ, a virus."

Chavez underwent surgery in Cuba in June to remove a cancerous tumor. □

Convicted rioters to help clean up affected areas

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LONDON — Rioters and looters convicted following the violent unrest that convulsed Britain this month will wear orange jumpsuits and help clean up areas affected by their actions, Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg said Tuesday, as part of a "riot payback scheme."

Clegg, the leader of the Liberal Democrat party, the junior partner in the coalition government, also announced an "independent communities and victims panel" to examine the causes of the widespread violence, burning and looting that left scars across London and several other major cities.

"It won't be a public inquiry, it won't be established under the Inquiries Act, but it will serve as a way in which victims and communities can have their voice heard," he said at a news conference.

The measures have been widely seen here as a compromise between Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservative Party, pushing a tough law-and-order response, and the opposition Labour Party, under Ed Miliband, which has urged the government to concentrate on the root causes of the unrest and declare a wider, judge-led public inquiry with the power to call witnesses.

There was growing discord, however, over harsh sentences handed down to convicted rioters. Last week a 23-year-old engineering student with no previous convictions was sentenced to six months in prison for looting \$5 worth of bottled water. On Tuesday, two young men from the out-

skirts of Manchester were each given four years in prison for inciting others to riot via Facebook postings. The Guardian newspaper reported that the postings by the defendants, Jordan Blackshaw, 20, and Perry Sutcliffe, 22, did not in fact lead to any violence. While judges and the police say those stiff sentences send an unmistakable message of deterrence,

The London police also disclosed on Tuesday that they had sent officers to guard the 2012 Olympic Village and two higher-end shopping malls on Aug. 8, the third day of the rioting, after having intercepted cellphone and social network communications by rioters intent on pillaging those sites. Scotland Yard's assistant commissioner, Lynne Owens, told law-

makers that because the police had monitored the messaging, "we were able to secure all those places, and indeed there was no damage."

New evidence of the ferocity of the unrest continued to emerge.

The police charged a 16-year-old boy with murder over the death of a 68-year-old retiree who was attacked during the turmoil. The boy's 31-year-old mother, arrested at the same crime scene, was charged with seeking to pervert justice, according to state prosecutors. Under British judicial rules, the boy's identity was kept secret.

He was charged with killing Richard Manning Bowes, who died Thursday after being assaulted during the unrest that swept through the west London district of Ealing on Aug. 8. A postmortem examination showed that he died of head injuries. □



A community tea party is held in the street in Hackney, taking place exactly one week after riots broke out in the area in London.

(AP Photo / Felix Clay/PA)

critics said they reeked of a double standard. Some compared them cynically to the more lenient punishments handed out during the 2009 expense account scandal involving members of Parliament, or the conspicuous absence of prosecutions over irresponsible banking practices that helped lead to the world financial crisis.

"Maybe I missed it, but during the MPs' expenses scandal I just can't recall any MPs demanding eviction, loss of benefits, maximum jail terms, naming and shaming and everyone held on remand," Roger Clarke, a columnist for The Birmingham Mail, wrote Tuesday in blog post titled "Is it Just Me?"

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Panama improves shortcut for shipping

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COCOLI, Panama — For now, the future of global shipping is little more than a hole in the ground here, just a short distance from the Pacific Ocean.

Ah, but what a hole it is.

About a mile long, several hundred feet wide and more than 100 feet deep, the excavation is an initial step in the building of a larger set of locks for the Panama Canal that should double the amount of goods that can pass through it each year.

The \$5.25 billion project, scheduled for completion in 2014, is the first expansion in the history of the century-old shortcut between the Atlantic and Pacific. By allowing much bigger container ships and other cargo vessels to easily reach the eastern United States, it will alter patterns of trade and put pressure on East and Gulf Coast ports like Savannah, Ga., and New Orleans to deepen harbors and expand cargo-handling facilities.

Right now, with its two lanes of locks that can handle ships up to 965 feet long and 106 feet wide — a size known as Panamax — the canal operates at or near its capacity of about 35 ships a day. During much of the year, that can mean dozens of ships are moored off each coast, waiting a day or longer to enter the canal.

The new third set of locks will help eliminate some of those backlogs, by adding perhaps 15 passages to the daily total. More important, the locks will be able to handle “New Panamax” ships — 25 percent longer, 50 percent wider and, with a deeper draft as well, able to carry two or three times the cargo.

No one can predict the full impact of the expansion. But for starters, it should mean faster and cheaper shipping of some goods between the United States and Asia.

Dean Campbell, a soybean farmer from Coulterville, Ill., for instance, expects the expansion will

help him compete with farmers in South America — which, he said, “has much poorer infrastructure for getting the grain out.” The canal expansion “will have a definite impact on us,” Campbell said. “We think in general it will be a good thing; we just don’t

the impact would be. “They know it’s going to change things, but they’re not sure of the scale.”

For now, the hole, parallel to the existing smaller Pacific locks and about a half-mile away, is a scene of frenetic activity by workers and machines laboring

have finished their work, a pack of about 50 men buzzes over the rock floor, preparing it to serve as a foundation for a bed of concrete. That slab will be one small building block for the immense structures to come: three 1,400-foot-long locks,



A ship makes its way through the Miraflores locks of the Panama Canal near Cocoli, Panama, Feb. 28, 2011. An excavation underway is providing the initial step in the building of a larger set of locks for the Panama Canal, which should double the amount of goods that can pass through it each year.

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The Miraflores locks of the Panama Canal near Cocoli, Panama, Feb. 28, 2011. An excavation underway is providing the initial step in the building of a larger set of locks for the Panama Canal, which should double the amount of goods that can pass through it each year.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

know how good.”

Jean Paul Rodrigue, a professor of global studies and geography at Hofstra University who has studied the expansion project, said that the shipping industry was waiting to see how big

in the tropical haze.

At one end, giant hydraulic excavators scoop blasted rock into a parade of earth movers that dump it topside on a slowly growing mountain of rubble. At the other, where the machines

water-filled chambers that will serve as stair steps, raising or lowering ships a total of 85 feet. An identical set of locks will be built across the isthmus on the Atlantic side. Once an Atlantic-bound ship leaves the new

Pacific locks, it would join the existing canal at the Culebra Cut — an eight-mile channel through the continental divide — and then steam across Gatun Lake to the new Atlantic locks for the trip back down to sea level. In all, the 51-mile passage will take about half a day, as it does now. The expansion is being financed with loans from development banks to be repaid through tolls that currently reach several hundred thousand dollars for large ships. The project is huge by Panama’s standards; among other things, the country’s largest rock-crushing plant has sprung up, almost overnight, to turn the mountain of excavated rubble into sand and stone for the concrete. It is hardly the biggest infrastructure project in the world, “but this is the one that has the most foreign impact,” said Jorge L. Quijano, an executive vice president of the Panama Canal Authority, which has operated the canal since the United States handed it to Panama more than a decade ago. “And I think it is the one that has the most impact on the United States.”

And perhaps on other nations: Some of the largest ships that serve Europe by traveling through the wider Suez Canal in Egypt may begin using the Panama route.

But the impact will probably be greatest in the United States, the destination or origin of about two-thirds of the goods that pass through the canal.

Like the construction of the original canal, an engineering masterpiece that opened in 1914 after 10 years of work by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the expansion project is a daunting task, but for different reasons.

The Army had to tackle tropical diseases that had killed thousands of workers during an earlier failed effort by the French. They had to excavate — and, crucially, dispose of — tens of millions of cubic yards of dirt and rock. □

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Rain alters Senior League World Series

Aruba v.s. defending champs delayed in Bangor

BANGOR — It was a trying day at Mansfield Stadium for Senior League World Series tournament director Mike Brooker and Ron St. Pierre, the head of the grounds crew.

Persistent rain forced the 10 a.m. game between U.S. East champion Talbot County, Md., and U.S. Southwest titlist Tyler, Texas, to be pushed back to 12:15 p.m. and then, after the two teams played four innings in the rain, the game was suspended until 6:30 p.m.

The game between defending champs and Latin American winner Aruba and U.S. Central champ Midland, Mich. was bumped back to an 8 p.m. start.

The Aruba-Midland game had been originally scheduled for a 1 p.m. start and



Pictures show Aruba's team in the office of the Prime Minister of Aruba Mike Eman prior to their departure for Bangor, ME.

day and Thursday instead of four-game days.

The games will start at 9 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday instead of 10 a.m. Brooker made a concession to the Italians so they could attend Wednesday's 1:35 p.m. game between Tampa Bay and Boston at Fenway Park. They were

that he became acquainted with Tampa Bay Rays pitching coach Jim Hickey, who used to pitch near their town in Italy, and Hickey had obtained tickets to Wednesday's game for the team.

Massa also said they were going to get the opportunity to meet the Rays players. The Italian coach was elated with the adjusted schedule.

"This is great for the boys," said Massa.

Massa said he would have understood if Brooker hadn't re-arranged the schedule.

"We're here for the tournament first and vacation second," said Massa.

Brooker said his re-arranging of the schedule was based on enabling the Italians to attend the Rays-Red Sox game "and making sure none of the teams had to play back-to-back games."

Wednesday's schedule begins with a 9 a.m. game between Hilo and the Philippines followed by games between U.S. Southeast winner Palm Bay, Fla., and Aruba along with Midland, Mich., against the Philippines. Maine District 3 champ Brewer will play Talbot County, Md., at 5 and Montreal will take on Tyler,



was to be followed by a 5 p.m. game between Europe-Middle East-Africa winner Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy, and Canadian titlist Montreal and an 8 p.m. contest between Asia-Pacific victor Tanauan City, Philippines, and U.S. West champion Hilo, Hawaii.

To fit in the two games that couldn't be played Tuesday, Brooker scheduled five-game days Wednes-

originally scheduled to have Wednesday off.

Instead of having to play the 9 a.m. game Wednesday against Montreal, Brooker pushed their game back to Thursday at 9 a.m. The Italians will play twice on Thursday as they will also play Talbot County, Md., at 8 p.m. to conclude pool play.

Friuli Venezia Giulia coach Marcello Massa explained

Texas, at 8.

The Thursday opener between Montreal and Italy will be followed by the Hilo-Michigan matchup, the Philippines-Palm Bay game, the 5 p.m. contest between Brewer and Tyler, Texas, and the Italy-Talbot County game.

The semifinals are Friday at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and the championship game will be Saturday at 2. St. Pierre said the crew put two tons of Turface on

field. "The brown Turface doesn't stain it."

St. Pierre and Brooker decided against putting the tarp on the field Monday night because, according to St. Pierre, they weren't sure they would need it.

"If it had only rained a quarter of an inch, we wouldn't have needed it," said St. Pierre. "If we had put it on and it hadn't rained, we would have had to get at least 20 volunteers to take it off early (before the 10



the field before Tuesday's games. It rained .75 of an inch overnight on Monday, he said.

"We had put three tons on it on Saturday," said St. Pierre. "And we've ordered four more tons for an insurance policy."

Turface is a special dirt substance that is put on the infield, the mound and the home plate area in order to absorb excess water.

St. Pierre said it is an exceptional product and is very effective.

The Turface used on the field is red, but there is other Turface that is brown and is used to dry the baseballs so they can continue to use them.

"If you used the red Turface, it would stain the ball," explained Jim Owens, who works with St. Pierre on the

a.m. game). That might have been hard to do."

Brooker pointed out that if it hadn't rained and the sun had come out, the tarp acts as a heat conductor and would have "killed the grass."

Since they got close to an inch of rain, St. Pierre speculated that they might have been better off putting the tarp on the field.

"It would have saved us over \$1,200," said St. Pierre, noting that a ton of Turface costs more than \$600.

The one area of concern was the slippery outfield grass, particularly a 5- to 10-foot stretch of grass right behind the infield that the water from the infield drains into.

"We used to have a lip there, but we took it out," said St. Pierre. □

Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts expanding Adults-Only Policy



EAGLE BEACH, Aruba – In-keeping with Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts' goal of providing a tranquil environment for all guests, the resort will also uphold the adults-only policy for diners

at the restaurant, effective September 1, 2011.

"A large segment of our guests are couples looking for a romantic and quiet retreat.

Including our restaurant in

the adults-only policy allows us to truly cater to this market," said Owner/Managing Director Ewald Biemans.

A top-rated and Green Globe certified beach

resort, Bucuti & Tara has earned recognition from adult travelers worldwide for many years as a romantic destination.

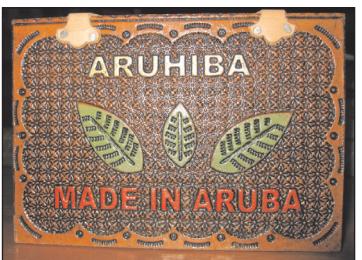
These honors include Coastal Living's Top Ten

Most Romantic Retreats in the Caribbean, Trip Advisor's Top Ten Beaches of the World, and most recently TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence. □

Aruhiba, The 1 and Only Homemad Aruban Cigar



ORANJESTAD – Benjamin Petrocchi started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced cigars called "Aruhiba". These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrocchi has always had an interest in the cigar business and has also sold Premium Cuban Cigars, and now he is growing his own tobacco crop. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The process took ten years. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar box is



specially designed for the cigars with the logo "Aruhiba". Petrocchi considers Aruhiba a promotion for Aruba through fine quality cigars.

The company sells International cigars as well. Buy a gift box of Aruhiba Corona with five cigars and you will get 1 FREE cigar of \$35. Located at the Historic Dutch Windmill. Open from Monday to Saturday from 9am till

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Aruba plans search for missing US woman's remains

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP)

— Aruban authorities announced plans Tuesday for an extensive search involving police, firefighters and possibly the military as investigators try to determine what happened to a missing American woman. The search was expected to start later this week and would be centered around the southern part of the Dutch Caribbean island near where 35-year-old Robyn Gardner was reported missing by her travel companion, Solicitor General Taco Stein said.

"We are trying to put a substantial team together" to conduct the search, Stein told The Associated Press.

Police and firefighters searched an abandoned phosphate mine in the area but did not find any trace of Gardner.

The new search will involve many more people and will cover a larger area in the hunt for the woman's body or any evidence linked to her, Stein said.

The woman was reported missing Aug. 2 by companion Gary Giordano, who said she was apparently pulled away by ocean currents while they were snorkeling. The pair had come to Aruba on July 31 for a short vacation.



Firefighters and police officers search for Robyn Gardner of Frederick, Md., in a shaft of an old phosphate mine near Baby Beach, in the southern tip of the Caribbean island of Aruba.

Giordano, a 50-year-old business owner from Gaithersburg, Maryland, has been detained on suspicion of involvement in her death. His attorney has said he had nothing to do with her disappearance and has called for his release from jail. □

Caribbean travel & tourism preparing to celebrate 50th anniversary event in 2012

CTA signs with HCP/ABOARD for historic book

THE CARIBBEAN - The Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association (CTA) will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary, a landmark Golden Jubilee, in 2012 and has commissioned HCP/Aboard Publishing, Custom Publishing Division of The Miami Herald Media Company to write and print a commemorative book about the history of the Caribbean hospitality and tourism industry titled *From Pirates to Hoteliers*, which will be released during the business sessions at the Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Investment Conference (CHTC), taking place in San Juan, Puerto Rico in April 2012.

"We chose HCP/Aboard after several months of an exhaustive search for a company with the right resources to help write, print and assist with the funding of this important historic project," said Josef Forstmayr, president of CHTA.

"As part of our celebrations CHTA is commissioning HCP to print a glossy, 200+ page coffee-table quality book to record the events of the past 50 years in the Caribbean hospitality and tourism industry," Forstmayr added.

The book will be created in a hardcover coffee table format and will depict the vivid and illustrious history of the Caribbean hotel and tourism industry, its impact on all aspects of life in the region and its place in the world as an association at the forefront of tourism leadership.

Historic images chronicling key events in Caribbean history will accompany stories dating from the earliest visitors to the region - from the colonial era to the famous "pirates of the Caribbean" - to the first tourists to the region, the rise of tourism after the Cuban revolution, and the formation of the CHTA. Beautifully written with an introduction by the CHTA President, *From Pirates to Hoteliers* brings to life some of the most significant events, places, people, programs, and traditions that are all part of the Caribbean experience. It is a celebration of an industry that has played a key role in the development of the region and will continue to do so far into the future. □

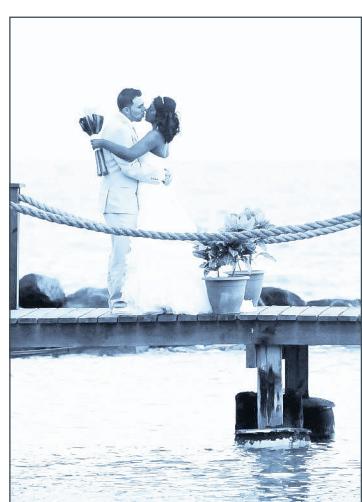
Amrita and Luca wed at the Renaissance Resort



ORANJESTAD - Amrita Gangaprasad and Luca Iacono were married last month on their lucky number 7 at the Renaissance Resort. "Can't help but think our lucky number is seven. Getting married in the seventh month of the year, this being our seventh trip here. Add those up and see what we share. When we started facing each other and cannot

help but stare, and say ; I love you my husband, and I you my dear. Mi dushi Aruba. We wouldn't want to celebrate our love anywhere else but here," said Amrita.

The intimate ceremony was perfectly orchestrated by the Renaissance Resort Wedding Coordinator Juney Jones. Congratulations to the newlyweds Amrita and Luca Iacono. □



Serena Williams wins 12th straight match

Serena Williams returns a serve against Lucie Hradecka, from the Czech Republic, during a match at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011, in Mason, Ohio.

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Testy Roddick upset in Cincy



Andy Roddick, from the United States, looks to throw his broken racquet into the stands after he was defeated by Philipp Kohlschreiber.

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MASON, Ohio (AP)—A testy Andy Roddick was upset by Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-1 Monday in the first round of the Western & Southern Open, a key warmup for the U.S. Open.

The 11th-seeded Roddick received a warning from the chair umpire for flinging his racket to the court after losing the second set.

Then, after double-faulting in the second game of the third set to fall behind 30-40, he smacked a ball high into the stands, which prompted chair umpire Carlos Bernades to give him a point penalty that put him behind 2-0 in the set.

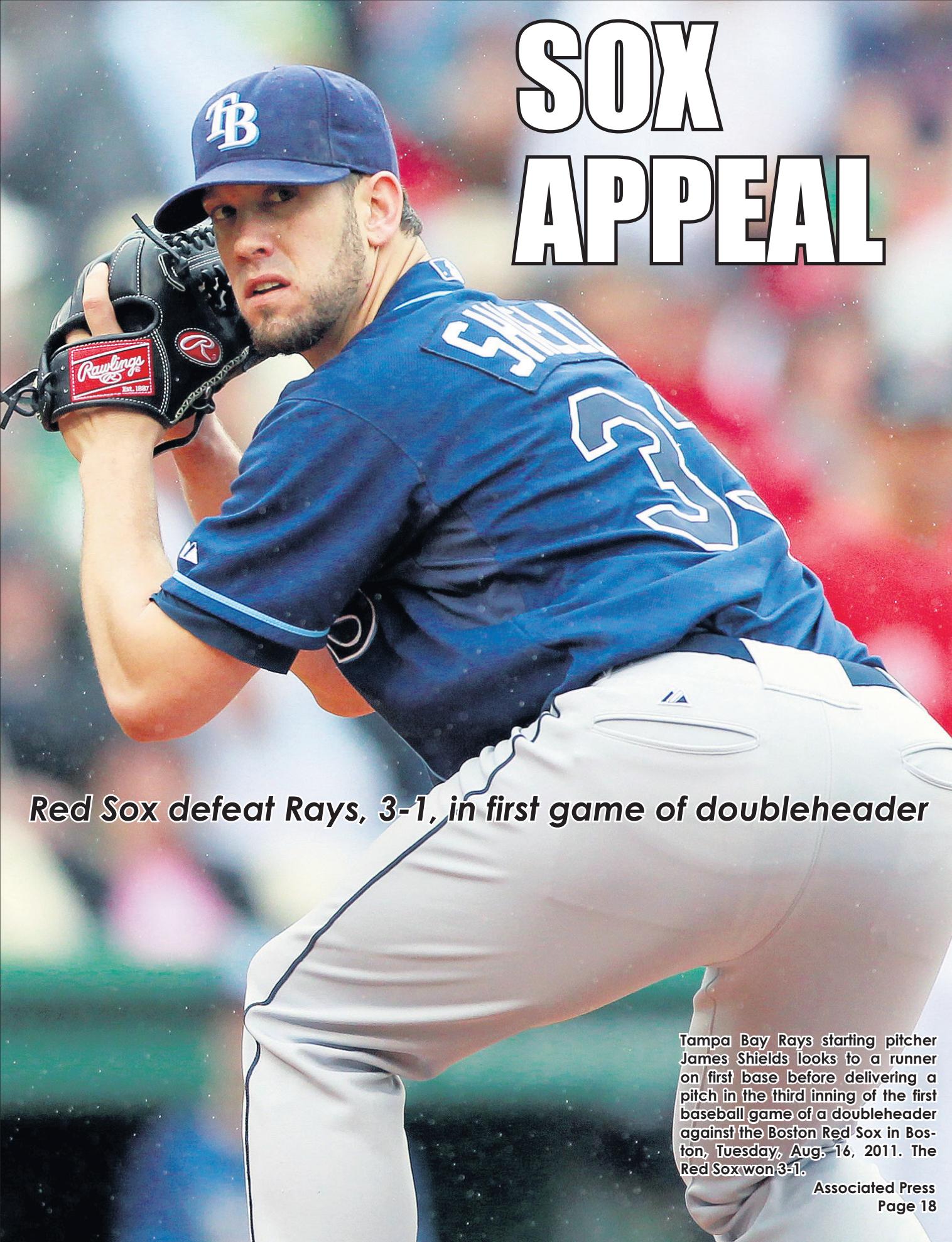
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SOX APPEAL

Red Sox defeat Rays, 3-1, in first game of doubleheader

Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher James Shields looks to a runner on first base before delivering a pitch in the third inning of the first baseball game of a doubleheader against the Boston Red Sox in Boston, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011. The Red Sox won 3-1.

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Jim Thome bolsters Hall case with HR No. 600

NOAH TRISTER

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT (AP) — When Jim Thome came to the plate, needing one home run for 600, the opposing pitcher wasn't even aware how close he was to the milestone.

Then Thome sent a towering fly ball over the fence in left field. The scoreboard flashed a congratulatory message, rival fans stood and applauded, and the Minnesota Twins came out of the dugout to greet their slugger.

After reaching No. 600 in grand style Monday night — with two home runs in back-to-back innings during a 9-6 win over Detroit — Thome finally earned some appreciation following a pursuit that seemed to go unnoticed for much of the season.

The 40-year-old Thome became the eighth player to reach the mark, and only Babe Ruth did it in fewer at-bats.

Next stop, Cooperstown? "I don't know. That's not for me to decide," Thome said. "That would be a dream. It's pretty special. I don't think it's really hit home. To be mentioned and have the Hall of Fame mentioned, that's just very, very special. That's just really cool."

Fighting injuries during

a frustrating season in Minnesota, Thome didn't receive nearly the amount of national publicity that his predecessors who reached 600 homers did. Even Derek Jeter's accomplishment of 3,000 hits earlier this season dwarfed the attention Thome received for an accomplishment far more rare. There were reasons for that, of course. Jeter is one of the game's icons, playing for its most famous team — and perhaps on some level, fans became numb to sky-high power numbers after so many of Thome's contemporaries reached 600 before him.

Thome is the fifth player since 2002 to enter that club, beginning with Barry Bonds nine years ago. Alex Rodriguez was the most recent to achieve the milestone, last August.

Unlike Bonds and Rodriguez, Thome has largely eluded suspicion of using performance-enhancing drugs. His country-strong physique was never chiseled like some of the hulking sluggers who proliferated his generation. "You look at how long he's played in the game and when you're able to do something like that, it's preparation, taking care of yourself," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "If



Minnesota Twins' Jim Thome rounds the bases on his 600th career home run during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers Monday, Aug. 15, 2011, in Detroit. The home run was a three-run shot.

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you watch him come to the ballpark very early every day and prepare himself to get his body motivated, which we all know as you get a little older, it's not that easy. But to watch him get himself motivated and get himself up to be able to do these things, hopefully a lot of our guys can learn a lot."

This season has been a struggle for Thome. He's been bothered by injuries to his toe, oblique and quadriceps. His milestone homer was only his 11th of the year in his 185th at-bat, and he admitted on Monday night that he was wondering if it was ever going to happen.

It did all right.

Just as Jeter reached hit No. 3,000 in dramatic fashion during a five-hit game last month, Thome arrived at his milestone with flair. His two-run homer in the sixth gave him 599, then he harnessed the power again in that pure left-handed swing, lifting a 2-1 pitch from Daniel Schlereth in the seventh over the fence in left field.

"I wasn't really aware of it. I knew he was close to 600, but I didn't know if that was going to be the one," Schlereth said. "I'm not exactly happy about it, but he's a great player, and I'm a huge fan of his."

He did a great thing tonight, and ... I felt kind of awkward, I didn't know whether to clap or what."

By the time Thome touched home, Detroit's fans were well aware of the accomplishment and showed their appreciation. The celebration at the plate included Thome's father, wife and children, but it didn't delay the game much.

"Obviously when you're on the road, the game has to move on," Thome said. "To stop there and cherish that moment — in the visiting park they give you a standing ovation — is really cool. □



Boston Red Sox's Jacoby Ellsbury, right, hits a three-run home run in front of Tampa Bay Rays catcher Kelly Shoppach in the third inning of the first game of a baseball doubleheader in Boston, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011.

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BOSTON (AP) — James Shields made one mistake Tuesday. The way Tampa Bay plays when the All-Star is on the mound, it was too much to overcome. Shields yielded a three-run

homer to Jacoby Ellsbury in the third inning and the Rays' lineup sputtered again, leading to a 3-1 loss to the Boston Red Sox in the first game of a doubleheader at Fenway Park.

1 mistake costs Shields, Rays

"It was a changeup," the right-hander said. "It was down. It was more middle of the plate than I wanted. I wanted it down and away. "Ellsbury's been hot all year long. He's a good hitter. You make a mistake and he's going to capitalize on it."

Shields (11-10) dropped to 2-1 with a 2.48 ERA in three August starts. The Rays have scored two runs or less in six of Shields' 10 losses and scored more than three in two of the 10.

"You look at his record, what is it, 11-10?" manager Joe Maddon said. "That's another game like that — that's why his record is so deceptive."

Jon Lester (12-6) struck out eight in seven crisp innings

for Boston, allowing one run and three hits.

Shields had one bad inning, yielding two singles and Ellsbury's long drive for his career-high 21st homer of the season. It was the only inning the Red Sox had had any hits as Shields went on to his ninth complete game of the season. That's more than twice any other pitcher in the American League.

Tampa Bay sits next to last in the AL in team batting, and could do nothing after a first-inning run as Lester won the duel of All-Star pitchers in a game that took just 2 hours, 24 minutes.

"Yeah, that's a tough loss. It's a tough loss," said Shields, who retired the last 15 batters he faced and struck out six. "You don't

give up a hit in seven different innings, you got to win those games. Today we got outplayed."

Daniel Bard pitched a perfect eighth and Jonathan Papelbon got his 28th save when Dustin Pedroia made a diving grab on B.J. Upton's line drive headed for center field.

Desmond Jennings doubled and scored on Evan Longoria's grounder to third to give Tampa Bay a 1-0 lead in the first.

Lester retired 12 straight batters before Longoria's single to left with one out in the sixth. The hit hardly disrupted Lester, who struck out Ben Zobrist and B.J. Upton to end the inning.

The game was a makeup from a rainout April 13. □



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Freeman, Braves rally to beat Giants 5-4

ATLANTA (AP) — Freddie Freeman hit a two-run single to lead the Atlanta's ninth-inning rally as the Braves beat the San Francisco Giants 5-4 in the National League on Monday night.

San Francisco closer Brian Wilson (6-4) gave up three hits and two walks in the ninth for his fifth blown save in 40 chances.

The Giants went ahead 3-2 after Nate Schierholtz hit a homer to right in the sixth. Mike Fontenot added an eighth-inning homer off Tim Hudson to make it 4-2 going into the ninth.

It was the Giants' first return to Atlanta since beating the Braves in the 2010 NL division series.

Mets 5, Padres 4, 10 innings
In San Diego, Scott Hairston drove in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning as New York ended a five-game losing streak with a win over the Padres.

Lucas Duda and Josh Thole both had homers among their three hits, and Thole had three RBIs.

Manny Acosta (1-0) got the win after pitching the ninth. Jason Isringhausen allowed a walk and a single in the 10th before securing his seventh save in 11 chances this season and the 300th of his career.

Josh Spence (0-2) was credited with the loss after giving up the game-winning run in the 10th.

Pirates 6, Cardinals 2

In Pittsburgh, Ryan Doumit matched a career high with a four-hit game, including a three-run home run, as the Pirates beat St. Louis.

Doumit's homer in the fourth inning off Jake Westbrook (9-7) broke open a 1-1 game and helped Pittsburgh end its three-game losing streak.

Xavier Paul also homered and Neil Walker had two hits for the Pirates.

James McDonald (8-6) pitched 5 2-3 uneven innings to end his three-start winless streak.

He allowed two runs and six hits while walking two and striking out four.

Cubs 4, Astros 3

At Houston, Geovany Soto had three hits and two RBIs and Kerry Wood earned his first save in over a year as Chicago won for the 12th time in 15 games.

Rodrigo Lopez (4-3) pitched an effective 5 1-3 innings, allowing two earned runs. Henry Sosa (0-2) allowed four runs on seven hits with six strikeouts in six innings for Houston, which has dropped seven in a row and 10 of its last 11.

Rockies 7, Marlins 4

In Denver, Jason Giambi hit a three-run homer to cap a four-run ninth inning as the Rockies rallied for a victory over Florida.

The Rockies, who had been 0-55 this season when trailing after eight innings, were down to their last out when Dexter Fowler hit a double



Atlanta Braves' Martin Prado reacts as he scores the winning run on a Freddie Freeman base hit in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants Monday, Aug. 15, 2011 in Atlanta. Atlanta won 5-4.

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off Leo Nunez (1-3). Carlos Gonzalez followed with a double to right and Troy Tulowitzki was walked intentionally before Randy Choate relieved Nunez. Giambi then hit his 11th home run of the season for the win.

Brewers 3, Dodgers 0

In Milwaukee, Randy Wolf pitched eight effective innings and the Brewers turned a triple play as part of a superb defensive effort in a victory over the Dodgers.

Ryan Braun, Jonathan Lucroy and Corey Hart each homered for the Brewers,

who have won 17 of 19. Milwaukee converted four double plays and threw out two runners at home, including one on the triple play.

Wolf (10-8) allowed six hits and five walks in eight innings. □

Serena Williams extends winning streak

MASON, Ohio (AP) — Serena Williams, winner of her last two tournaments, defeated Lucie Hradecka of the Czech Republic 6-3, 7-6 (5) Tuesday in the first round of the Western & Southern Open on Tuesday.

Williams has improved her world ranking from No. 175 to No. 31 in her comeback from injury and illness. She has won 12 straight matches, tying Kim Clijsters and Victoria Azarenka for the longest streak on the WTA Tour this year. Hradecka double-faulted on match point to send Williams into the second round.

French Open champion Li Na beat Lucie Safarova 6-3, 6-4 to become the first woman to reach the third round. The win was Li's first since losing in the second round at Wimbledon. She lost in the first round last week in Toronto.

"I needed some matches for the hard court," said Li, who reached the Australian Open finals in January. "It's always tough, but I was happy I could win the match today."

Jelena Jankovic of Serbia, seeded 13th, advanced to the second round with



Serena Williams volleys against Lucie Hradecka, from the Czech Republic, during a match at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011, in Mason, Ohio.

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a 6-0, 6-3 romp over Czech Iveta Benesova, but barely got to the court on time. Her car ran out of fuel on the way to the match.

"I was like, 'Oh, my God. Great. I've got 20 minutes to my practice session,'" Jankovic said. "Luckily,

the gas station was, like, two minutes walk. There were some players passing through and looking at us in the middle of the road like, 'What is she doing up there?' Pretty funny. It's not how you begin the day, but how you end it."

Flavia Pennetta upset 12th-seeded Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, and 17th-seeded Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium moved on with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Serb Bojana Jovanovski. Russia's Nadia Petrova edged Italy's Roberta Vinci 6-3, 0-6, 6-4, and Russia's Maria Kirilenko defeated Chinese qualifier Shuai Zhang 7-6 (2), 6-3. In the men's first round, Andrei Golubev of Kazakhstan upset 16th-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 to end a losing streak of 18 consecutive matches in ATP play.

"It was very important," he said. "I lost a few matches when I was one or two points away from victory. It's really tough to digest."

Ninth-seeded Nicolas Almagro advanced with a 7-6 (5), 6-4 win over fellow Spaniard Albert Montanes, while 15th-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, a Wimbledon semifinalist, eliminated Marin Cilic of Croatia 6-3, 6-4.

Croatia's Ivo Karlovic enjoyed a 19-1 advantage in aces while rolling to a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Germany's Florian Mayer. □



Philipp Kohlschreiber, from Germany, reacts after defeating Andy Roddick, from the United States, in a first round match at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Monday, Aug. 15, 2011, in Mason, Ohio. Kohlschreiber won 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-1.

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Roddick

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"Obviously a split-second thing," Roddick said. "Soon as I hit it, I wanted it back." The German later closed out the match with an ace. "It was a judgment call for (Bernardes)," Roddick said. "Pretty sure I saw an 8-year-old girl catch it on the way down. He was telling me I hit it as hard as I could. I was like, 'Dude ...'"

Roddick said he'd like to see tennis players get a little more leeway in situations like this. He said John McEnroe, for instance, is "still getting endorsements" because of his legendary temper tantrums on the court. "I understand where (Bernardes) is coming from, but at a certain point, you know, you hit a tennis ball into a stadium, someone goes home with a souvenir, and it pretty much ruins the match from there" to penalize the player.

"Seems counterproductive," Roddick said. "At a certain point, I would love it if we got out of our own way."

As the match went on, Kohlschreiber could see Roddick's frustration growing, and took advantage of it. "I started guessing right and returning balls," the 47th-ranked German said. "I took the chances, and he got a little frustrated."

Also in Monday's first round, Italy's Fabio Fognini upset 14th-seeded Viktor Troicki 6-4, 6-1 — his first win over the Serb in three matches. □

Winnipeg Jets center Rick Rypien found dead in home

COLEMAN, Alberta (AP) — Winnipeg Jets center Rick Rypien was found dead in his home Monday, nine months after he took a leave of absence from the NHL to deal with an undisclosed personal matter.

An official with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police called Rypien's death sudden, but not suspicious. He was 27.

"Rick was a talented player with an extremely bright future," the Jets said in a release. "His hunger for the game made him a valued team member both on and off the ice. This loss has impacted us as more than just a hockey team."

Rypien, a native of Alberta, was the second active NHL player found dead this off-season. Former New York

Rangers enforcer Derek Boogaard died in May due to an accidental mix of alcohol and the painkiller oxycodone.

Rypien signed a \$700,000 (euro485,000), one-year deal with Winnipeg last month after spending parts of six seasons with Vancouver. He had nine goals and seven assists in 119 career NHL games.

The Canucks announced on Nov. 25 that they had granted Rypien an indefinite leave of absence. It was the second time in three years the forward had left the team to deal with an undisclosed personal matter.

Rypien also received a six-game suspension from the NHL last season after grabbing a fan on his way to the



Vancouver Canucks President and General Manager Mike Gillis speaks to reporters about the recent death of NHL player Rick Rypien in Toronto Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011.

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locker room in Minnesota.

And during the 2008-09 season, he took an extended personal leave after a rash of injuries, missing 70

games. Rypien was the cousin of former NFL quarterback Mark Rypien, a Super Bowl Most Valuable Player. □



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Report: Players got gifts from Miami booster

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Sports Writer

Nevin Shapiro, a former Miami booster who is serving a 20-year prison sentence for masterminding a \$930 million Ponzi scheme, has told Yahoo! Sports he provided impermissible benefits to 72 of the university's football players and other athletes between 2002 and 2010. Shapiro said he gave money, cars, yacht trips, jewelry, televisions and other gifts to a list of players including Vince Wilfork, Jon Beason, Antrel Rolle, Devin Hester, Willis McGahee and the late Sean Taylor. Shapiro also claimed he paid for nightclub outings, sex parties, restaurant meals and in one case, an abortion for a woman impregnated by a player. One former Miami player, running back Tyrone Moss, told Yahoo! Sports he accepted \$1,000 from Shapiro around the time he was entering college.

"Hell yeah, I recruited a lot of kids for Miami," Shapiro told Yahoo! Sports. "With access to the clubs, access to the strip joints. My house. My boat. We're talking about high school football players. Not anybody can just get into the clubs or strip joints. Who is going to pay for it and make it happen? That was me."

Shapiro has said multiple times in the past year, including in the Yahoo! Sports story posted Tuesday, that he is angry with several of the players he claims to have helped when they were Hurricanes. Miami officials began cooperating with NCAA investigators not long after Shapiro made claims about his involvement with players last year. University president Donna Shalala and athletic direc-

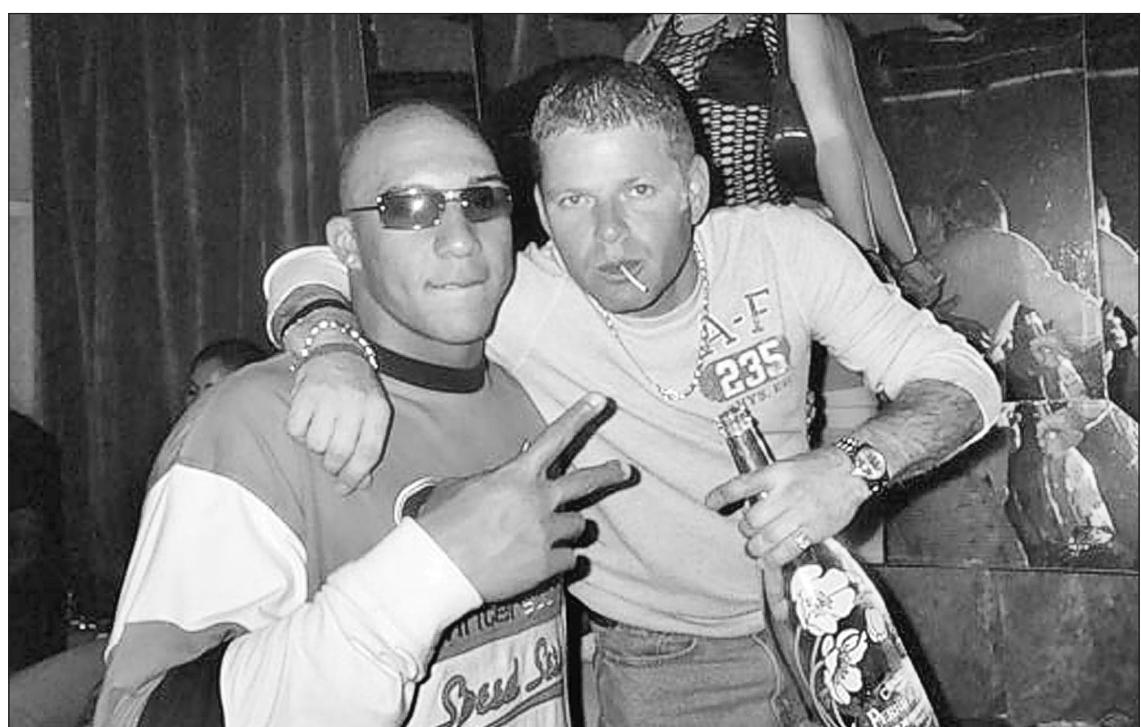
tor Shawn Eichorst were questioned by the NCAA this week. The school reiterated Tuesday it takes the allegations seriously.

"I can tell you what I think is going to happen," Shapiro told Miami television station WFOR from federal prison in Atlanta. "Death penalty." Yahoo! Sports says it spent 100 hours interviewing Shapiro over the span of 11 months and audited thousands of pages of financial and business records to examine his claims.

The allegations against Miami have sparked what is just the latest in a string of NCAA investigations involving some of college football's most high-profile and successful programs. In the last 18 months, the football teams at Southern California, Ohio State, Auburn, Oregon, Michigan, North Carolina, Georgia Tech and LSU all have either been investigated or sanctioned by the NCAA.

The litany of scandals has led to calls for major reforms in the way the NCAA regulates and polices big-time college athletics. Commissioners of the major conferences, including Mike Slive from the Southeastern Conference and Jim Delany from the Big Ten, have called for major changes and increased penalties for rule-breakers. Last week, NCAA President Mark Emmert led a group of university presidents in laying out an outline for changes, including raising academic standards, streamlining the rulebook and changing the parameters of athletic scholarships.

Shapiro was sentenced in June after he admitted to securities fraud and money laundering. He was also



Nevin Shapiro and a second source said this photo of the booster and Kellen Winslow Jr. was taken in Shapiro's VIP section of Opium Garden nightclub in 2003

ordered to pay more than \$82 million in restitution to his victims.

Many current Miami players also were named by Shapiro as receiving benefits, Yahoo! Sports reported, including quarterback Jacory Harris, Ray Ray Armstrong, Travis Benjamin, Sean Spence, Marcus Forston, Vaughn Telemaque, Dyon Dye, Aldarius Johnson and Olivier Vernon. Former Miami quarterback Robert Marve, now at Purdue, also was named by Shapiro, Yahoo! Sports said. Purdue officials declined to comment on the Marve mention.

The story cited specifics involving only Armstrong, Dye and Vernon, alleging they received extra benefits as recruits. Shapiro said he worked in concert with several former Miami assistant coaches during the recruiting process.

"It was me and some other players with my incoming

(class). I'm not going to say the names but you can probably figure them out yourself," Moss told Yahoo! Sports. "When I was getting there my freshman year, it was me and a couple more players. It was me and a few more of the guys in my incoming class that he kind of showed some love to."

Miami coach Al Golden, who was hired in December, acknowledged Tuesday that some of his players may have made mistakes. "We'll stay focused. I'm certain of that," Golden said. "We're disappointed but we're not discouraged. And again, there's going to be a life lesson here. We're talking about allegations from a man that's behind bars, now. If these do hold some truth, then we'll deal with them. There's no other way to do it."

Current Miami players were not made available to comment Tuesday, and will not be made available

before Wednesday's practice, the university said. Yahoo! Sports also said Shapiro paid Wilfork \$50,000 as a recruiting tool to sign with sports agency Axcess Sports & Entertainment, a firm Shapiro claimed he co-owned for much of the time he was involved with the Hurricanes. Yahoo! Sports reported players got cash and benefits through Shapiro's partner, former NFL agent and current UFL commissioner Michael Huyghue.

Reached Tuesday by The Associated Press, Huyghue denied that story.

"It's just fantasy," Huyghue said. "He never had any role in my company."

Huyghue said he signed three Miami players in seven years. He said Shapiro was not a runner and he did not represent any players, but did invest \$1.5 million in his agency in 2001 and that the two spoke only occasionally. □

Studies show 15 minutes of daily exercise can help

By ALICIA CHANG

AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Don't despair if you can't fit in the recommended 30 minutes of daily exercise. Growing evidence suggests that even half that much can help.

It's still no excuse to slack off. Regular exercise strengthens muscles, reduces the risk of some diseases and promotes mental well-being. The more exercise, the better.

But not everyone has the time or willpower. So researchers set out to find the minimum amount of physical activity needed to reap health benefits. The findings by a study in Taiwan suggest just 15 minutes of moderate exercise a day can lead to a longer life.

This "may convince many individuals that they are able to incorporate physical activity into their busy lives," Dr. Anil Nigam of the University of Montreal said in an email. Nigam had no role in the research but wrote an editorial accompanying the Taiwan study published online Monday in *The Lancet*.

Fitness guidelines by the World Health Organization, the U.S. and other countries recommend that adults get at least a half-hour of moderate workout most days of the week. This can include brisk walking, bike riding and water aerobics. Realizing that it might be



difficult for some to break a sweat, health groups have suggested breaking it down into smaller, more manageable chunks of time such as three 10-minute spurts a day on weekdays. The latest study, a large one led by researchers at the National Health Research Institutes in Taiwan, sought to determine if exercising less than the recommended half-hour was still helpful.

The researchers noted that east Asians — including China, Japan and Taiwan — are generally less physically active than their Western counterparts and their workouts tend to be less intense.

About 416,000 Taiwanese adults were asked how much exercise they did the

previous month. Based on their answers, they were put into five groups of varying activity levels from inactive to highly active. Researchers kept track of their progress for eight years on average and calculated projected life expectancy. The study found those who exercised just 15 minutes a day — or 90 minutes a week — cut their risk of death by 14 percent and extended their life expectancy by three years compared with those who did no exercise. Both men and women benefited equally from the minimum activity. Each additional 15 minutes of exercise reduced the risk of death by another 4 percent compared with the inactive group. Researchers did not report how ad-

ditional exercise affected life expectancy.

There were some limitations. Answers were self-reported. The study, though large, was observational, which means the health benefits may not be entirely due to exercise. But researchers said they took into account other factors that might affect health such as smoking and drinking. And outside scientists said the findings are in line with other studies.

For the sedentary, the key is this: Some exercise is better than none.

"Get off the couch and start moving," said I-Min Lee of the Harvard School of Public Health.

In a study published in *Circulation* earlier this month, Lee and colleagues found

that people who engaged in 15 minutes a day of moderate physical activity had a 14 percent lower risk of heart disease compared with inactive people.

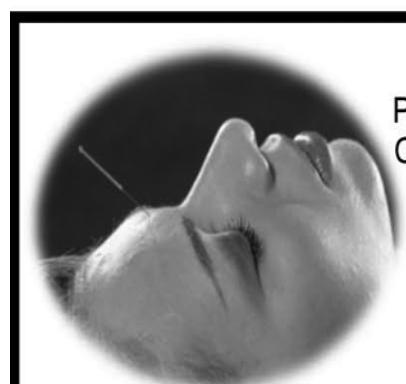
That research, combining the results of nearly three dozen studies of people from North America and Europe, also found that the benefit increased with more activity and may provide more motivation to the physically fit.

People should strive to do the recommended level of exercise, but should not be discouraged if they can't achieve it right away. Start slow and gradually build up.

"As inactive persons start moving, they may very well find that they become more fit" and reaching their exercise goal becomes easier, Lee said.

Until a year ago, Bernadette O'Brien, a retired principal who lives in northern New Jersey, did not make time for exercise. She would occasionally walk around her neighborhood and swim in the pool at her local gym, but she did little else.

After the 80-year-old was diagnosed with diabetes, she decided to change her habits. Now O'Brien exercises between 15 and 45 minutes a day, five days a week. She mixes up her routine with water aerobics and strength training so she won't get bored. □



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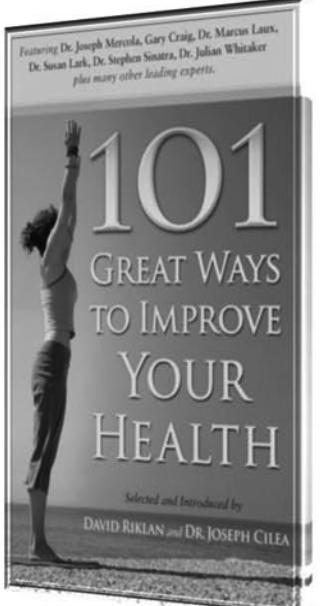


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Netflix gets kid friendly as it raises U.S. prices

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Netflix Inc. is giving kids and their parents a new reason to embrace its Internet video subscription service as it raises prices to the dismay of many customers.

A "Just For Kids" tab has been added to subscribers' accounts on Netflix's website. Clicking on the feature will pull up a list of kid-friendly recommendations drawn from about 1,000 movies and TV shows in Netflix's Internet video streaming library.

It won't suggest titles that are only available as DVD rentals delivered through

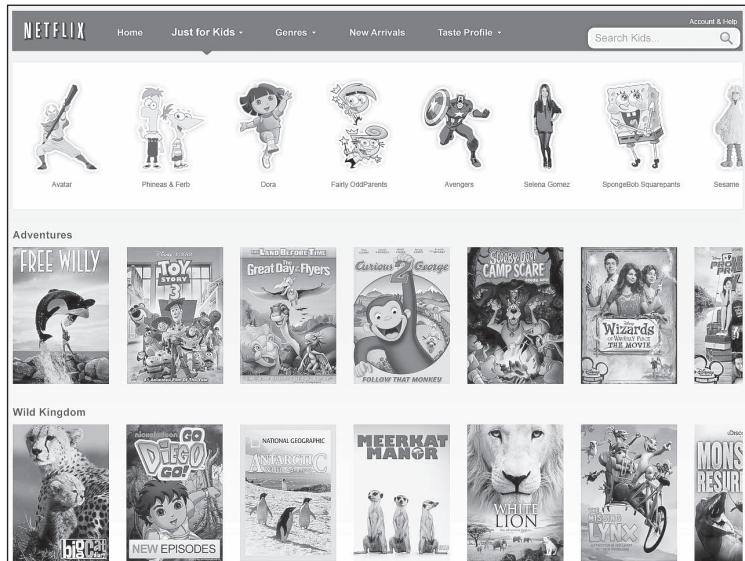
the mail. That's an option that Netflix is trying to make less enticing to subscribers so it can save postage and spend more money expanding its selection of video streaming options. As part of its de-emphasis on DVDs, Netflix last month announced that it will unbundle the unlimited video streaming option from its most popular plans with disc rentals. Beginning Sept. 1, Netflix's 24.6 million U.S. subscribers who want DVDs and unlimited streaming will have to buy the plans separately. The change will translate into a rate hike of up to 60 percent, or \$6 per month for those getting one

DVD at a time. Tens of thousands of subscribers have posted angry comments on the Internet promising to close their Netflix accounts in protest.

The children's feature grew out of Netflix's recognition that its video streaming service is making it easier for kids to watch movies on a variety of devices at almost any time and any place with a high-speed Internet connection.

The video can be streamed through video game consoles, the iPad tablet computer and smartphones. Netflix makes it even easier by allowing several people from the same household to stream through the same account.

That convenience and affordable pricing has established Netflix as a major provider of children's entertainment. The company, which is based in Los Gatos, California, says about half its subscribers have watched at least two mov-



In this screen shot provided by Netflix Inc., the home page for "Just For Kids," is displayed. Netflix Inc. is giving kids and their parents a new reason to embrace its Internet video subscription service as it raises prices to the dismay of many customers.

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ies or TV shows made for kids within the past 90 days. Netflix has been mulling a change that would eliminate household sharing of Internet video streaming and require each individual user to pay a monthly fee. The decision to create a kid's-only section within its streaming library shouldn't

be interpreted as a sign that Netflix is moving any closer to charging each user, said Todd Yellin, the company's vice president of product innovation. "It doesn't nix that idea (and) it doesn't fuel that idea," he said in an interview. "It's just something that's a possibility, but not imminent." □

HTC sues Apple in latest round of patent dispute

WILMINGTON, Delaware (AP) —

Taiwanese smartphone maker HTC Corp. is accusing Apple Inc. of violating three patents covering smartphones and other technologies, the latest round in an ongoing dispute between the two companies.

HTC filed the latest lawsuit Monday in U.S. District Court in Wilmington, Delaware, where Apple Inc. had sued HTC a year ago. Both companies also have brought complaints before the U.S. International Trade Commission, which has the power to block imports of devices and parts found to infringe on a company's intellectual property.

In the latest case, HTC sought unspecified damages and a ban that would prevent Apple from using the technologies in question. HTC said affected products include the iPhone, the iPad tablet computer, Mac notebook and desktop computers and iPod music players. HTC's patents cover such things as integrating a device's computing and communications functions — something basic to all smartphones.

Phone makers have been increasingly suing one another as competition intensifies in the marketplace. □



An Associated Press reporter demonstrates the camera on the HTC myTouch 4G Slide smartphone from T-Mobile during a product review in San Francisco, Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011.

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It is a key reason behind Google Inc.'s plans to pay \$12.5 billion to buy Motorola Mobility. Google, which makes the Android software powering phones made by HTC and others, wants patents owned by Motorola to defend itself against patent lawsuits from rivals.

These disputes often result in settlements, in which companies license patents to each other. Rarely do such disputes end with the blocking of sales to consumers. □

Sony cuts price of PlayStation 3

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NEW YORK (AP) — Sony Corp. is cutting the price of its PlayStation 3 gaming console by \$50 in an attempt to drum up demand for the 5-year-old machine. It is now \$249, down 17 percent from \$299. The last time Sony lowered the price of the PlayStation 3 was in 2009, when it launched a lighter, slimmer model of the video game system. The worldwide price cut announced Tuesday comes less than a month after rival Nintendo Co. cut the price of its handheld Nintendo 3DS player.

The 3DS lets players view 3-D games and videos without special glasses. It launched with much fanfare but lost sales momentum. The value of 3-D hasn't been apparent to everyone. Handheld gaming devices are also facing competition from the iPhone and other smartphones with games such as the wildly popular "Angry Birds." The latest price cut



In this April 11, 2011 file photo, a man operates a Sony Playstation 3 console at an electronics shop in Mainz, Germany.

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should give the PlayStation 3 a boost, just as the previous one did in 2009.

"It is no secret that the PlayStation 3 has been struggling for some time against the Microsoft Xbox 360 in North America," though it did slightly better in Europe, said Jesse Divnich, an analyst at Electronic Entertainment Design and Research. Divnich does not believe Microsoft Corp. will follow with its own price cut immediately. Rather, the maker of the Xbox 360 "will likely

wait to see the commercial impact of the price disparity" between the Xbox and the PlayStation. The Xbox 360's popular 250 gigabyte version costs \$300. A version with a smaller hard drive, 4 gigabytes, is \$200.

Microsoft said it does not talk about pricing plans in advance and so far it has made no announcements about price cuts. In all, Microsoft has sold 55 million Xbox 360s worldwide, and Sony has sold 52 million units of the PS3. Nintendo is still No. 1 with 86 million, though sales of the console have slowed down considerably. Sony is also launching its handheld PlayStation Vita in the U.S. early next year. It will cost \$249 for a Wi-Fi only version and \$299 for a version that will also have cellphone service.

Jack Tretton, the CEO of Sony Computer Entertainment America, said Sony is cutting the price in August instead of closer to the holidays to get it to people during the back-to-school shopping season. □

Fitch Ratings keeps U.S. at top credit rating

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NEW YORK (AP) — Fitch Ratings said Tuesday it will keep its rating on U.S. debt at the highest grade, AAA, and issued a "stable" outlook, meaning it expects the rating to stay there.

That's better than the other two main ratings agencies: Moody's lists the U.S. debt at AAA but says its outlook is negative. And Standard & Poor's set off a maelstrom in the stock market last week after it took its rating on the U.S. down to the second-highest grade, AA-plus, for the first time. In Washington, the Obama administration welcomed the announcement from Fitch but said it would be important for Congress to take the steps called for in the budget

agreement.

"The Treasury Department continues to believe that Treasury securities are AAA investments. Today's report underscores the importance of Congress taking additional actions to address our long-term fiscal challenges," Treasury spokesman Anthony Coley said. The S&P cited bickering in Congress over the debt ceiling earlier this summer, as well as the country's rising proportion of debt, for its downgrade. But Fitch said that it decided to keep its rating because the "key pillars" of U.S. creditworthiness remain intact, including its "flexible, diversified and wealthy economy." It also said that the country's flexibility in monetary policy gives it the



A statue of former Treasury Secretary Albert Gallatin stands guard outside the Treasury Building in Washington, D.C.

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ability to absorb economic shocks. The dollar's central role in the world economy allows the U.S. to hold a higher proportion of debt to gross domestic product. Fitch said it would revisit the rating after the congressio-

nal committee that is supposed to figure out how to cut government spending presents its findings, due by the end of November.

The rating, which measures the possibility that the U.S. will default on its debt, has

been a hot-button issue in the past two weeks. Standard & Poor's downgrade on Aug. 5 ignited a volatile week on Wall Street, with the Dow rising or falling by at least 400 points for four days. □

Dell cuts guidance, showing industry uncertainty



In this Aug. 15, 2011 photo, the logo on a Dell computer is displayed, in Philadelphia. Dell Inc. reports quarterly financial earnings Tuesday, Aug. 16, after the market close.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Dell Inc.'s decision to cut its revenue forecast for the year shows how computer makers are getting pulled in two directions at once, stretching some investors' faith to a breaking point. Corporate and government demand for PCs has been strong for the past year, helping to lift the industry after the Great Recession. But consumer demand has collapsed because of high

unemployment and the lure of new gadgets such as tablet computers and smartphones.

Worrisome new economic signs and budget cuts threaten to hamper the recovery. They have cast doubt on the ability of Dell and other PC makers to lift themselves in a meaningful way. Dell's stock fell more than 7 percent Tuesday even as the company said its net income rose 63 percent in the latest quarter. The company lowered its

revenue forecast for the fiscal year ending in January. It blamed "a more uncertain demand environment" than previously envisioned and a corporate decision to focus on more profitable deals. The downgrade followed a barrage of bad news in recent months about the computer industry's health, and it could be a harbinger of tough times for other computer makers. Hewlett-Packard Co., the world's No. 1 PC maker, reports its results Thursday.

Shaw Wu, a technology analyst with Sterne Agee, said Dell's forecast was surprisingly weak and reflects economic troubles that are leading to lower spending globally on information technology. He added that it "definitely dampens expectations" for HP. However, Wu added that part of Dell's troubles come as another company — Apple Inc. — is benefiting with a stronger push into small and medium businesses. Apple, a key player in inventing the PC some 30 years ago, is thriving even

as the PC industry suffers because of the company's pioneering of new markets, including tablet computers with the popular iPad. Over the past week, Apple has traded places with Exxon Mobil Corp. as the most valuable company in the world. Outside of demand for Apple's Mac computers, consumer demand for PCs has cratered, reducing growth and even leading to contraction in the U.S. and Europe. Although consumers make up only 20 percent of Dell's PC business, they remain a powerful force in the digital economy. By snapping up iPads and smartphones, consumers are demonstrating that some hot new technologies — just not PCs — can be strong sellers even in hard economic times.

Meanwhile, government austerity measures have fueled uncertainty. That is threatening to depress not just government spending but consumer spending as well. The pressures have deepened doubts about the industry's recovery.

Dell's revenue from large corporations and consumers each rose 1 percent during the quarter from last year, to \$4.6 billion and \$2.9 billion, respectively. But revenue from the public sector fell 3 percent to \$4.5 billion. Revenue from small- and medium-sized businesses, where analysts say Dell is losing ground to Apple, grew 5 percent to \$3.7 billion. But that growth rate is lower than previous years. In the same quarter last year, revenue grew 25 percent. Where growth is occurring, it's generally not in Western countries. Dell indicated that India and China were two of its strongest-growing regions in the three months ended July 29, its fiscal second quarter.

After the market closed, Dell said net income rose to \$890 million, or 48 cents per share, primarily on the strength of corporate and government spending. Companies have been banking record profits and upgrading older PCs and servers even as hiring remains tepid. □

Business Briefs

S&P says sell Google's shares

NEW YORK (AP) — Standard & Poor's is saying investors should sell Google's stock because it believes the search leader's decision to buy Motorola Mobility increases the risk to the company and its shares.

Google Inc. said Monday it will pay \$12.5 billion for Motorola Mobility, a major maker of phones using Google's Android mobile software. The deal includes mobile patents that could help Google defend itself against rivals. S&P said that while the acquisition would include a patent trove, that might not be enough to keep Google's Android mobile operating software from encountering intellectual-property issues. It downgraded its rating on Google's shares to "Sell" from "Buy."

Further, the ratings service says the transaction will hurt Google's growth, margins and balance sheet.

S&P cut its price target for Google's stock by \$200 to \$500.□

\$360.9M in states' bids approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration announced Tuesday the approval of \$360.9 million in applications by 11 states and the District of Columbia for funding under a program designed to encourage new lending to small businesses to help create jobs.

The goal of the program is to attract \$10 in private lending for each dollar in federal funding. States can use the federal money to support their programs to guarantee loans to small businesses. Under the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, \$1.5 billion in funding was allocated for the program with the goal of generating at least \$15 billion in lending.

The Treasury Department announced applications approved for Alabama, \$31.3 million; Florida, \$97.7 million; Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi and the District of Columbia, \$13.2 million each; Ohio, \$55.1 million; Oregon, \$16.5 million; Tennessee, \$29.7 million; Texas, \$46.6 million, and Virginia, \$18 million.□

BofA eyes sale of Merrill Lynch

NEW YORK (AP) — Two published reports say Bank of America Corp. is in talks with Blackstone Group LP over a possible deal to sell real estate assets previously owned by Merrill Lynch to the private-equity firm.

The reports in the Financial Times and Wall Street Journal on Tuesday each cited unidentified persons familiar with the matter.

The Financial Times' report said the deal could reach up to \$1 billion, but also noted that a definitive deal hasn't been signed yet. The Financial Times reported that the assets represent the bulk of Merrill Lynch's housing-boom era investments. Bank of America declined to comment on Tuesday. The Charlotte, North Carolina, lender has been selling assets in a bid to raise capital and clear up its balance sheet. An after-hours call to Blackstone was not immediately returned.□



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U.S. stocks fall on EU economic, debt worries

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Worries about Europe's economic and debt problems sent stocks Tuesday to their first loss in four days.

The major indexes bounced up and down in another volatile day. The Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 120 points in the first half hour of trading after a report showed that Germany's economy stalled last quarter and dragged down growth for Europe.

The Dow recovered and had a slight advance at midday, but resumed its drop after the leaders of France and Germany tried to calm worries about Europe's debt problems by pushing for long-term political solutions. Investors were hoping for immediate financial measures like the introduction of a single bond jointly backed by the eurozone's members. The Dow fell as many as 190 points in the early afternoon before again recovering. At the close, the Dow was down 76.97, or 0.7 percent, to 11,405.93. It was the first time in seven trading days that the Dow rose or fell by less than 100 points. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 11.73, or 1 percent, to 1,192.76. The Nasdaq composite fell 31.75, or 1.2 percent, to 2,523.45.

"The real question the market is trying to answer is: Are we going to have another recession or not?" said John Burke, head of Burke Financial Strategies with \$200 million in assets under management. "Today, the answer is maybe yes, because it doesn't look like Europe has figured out a solution to its debt."

A proposal for a Europe-



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, left, and France's President Nicolas Sarkozy, right, are seen during their joint press conference at the Elysee Palace, Tuesday Aug. 16, 2011.

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tors. But Tuesday's losses were moderate and pointed to some stability in the market after the selling that sent the S&P 500 down 17 percent from July 21 to last Wednesday.

In the U.S., economic reports Tuesday were mixed: Housing remains weak, but factory output rose last month at its fastest pace since an earthquake in Japan disrupted global manufacturing in March.□

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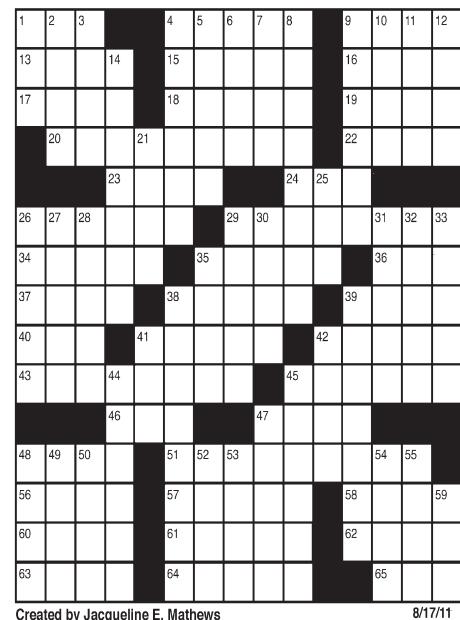
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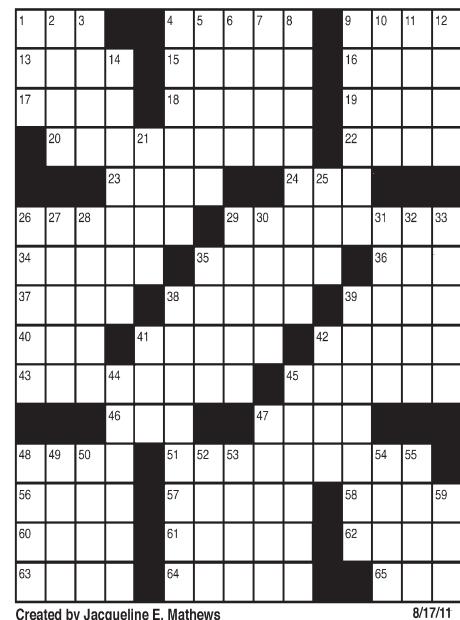
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Yesterday's puzzle answer



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 9 Spill the beans
 13 Senses of self-esteem
 15 Rainbow ___; colorful fish
 16 Nurse's helper
 17 Dull, long-winded speaker
 18 Striped feline
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 20 Begin to grow
 22 Reddish coat formed on iron
 23 Glen; lowland
 24 Scottish denial
 26 African desert
 29 Blackish purple fruit used in cooking
 34 Wading bird
 35 Blackboard
 36 Charge
 37 Tenant's payment
 38 Come into conflict
 39 Night twinkler
 40 Most common conjunction
 41 Pierre, ___ Dakota
 42 Coffin platforms
 43 Wide-scale slaughter
 45 Not smooth
 46 Pen contents
 47 Enlarge a hole
 48 Stylish
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

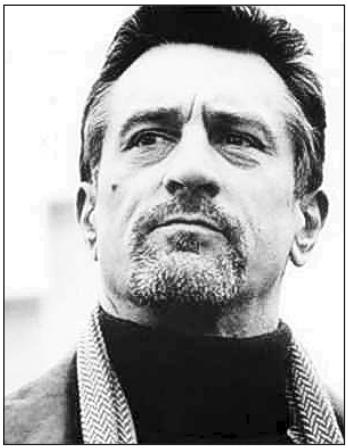
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Today In History



Today is Robert DeNiro's birthday

Today is Wednesday, August 17, the 229th day of 2011. There are 136 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1510 - Pedro Navarro, having taken Algiers and Tripoli for Spain, is killed in ambush in North Africa.

1577 - Peace of Bergerac ends Sixth War of Religion in France, whereby Huguenots secure important concessions for exercising their religion.

1626 - Flemish forces under Count Tilly defeat Denmark's King Christian IV at Lutter, east Germany, leading to the sack of Jutland and Denmark's exit from the Thirty Years' War.

1743 - Sweden cedes southern Finland to Russia in the Peace of Abo.

1759 - British fleet under Admiral Boscawen defeats French off Cape St. Vincent in West Indies.

1863 - Federal ships bombard Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina, harbor during America's Civil War.

1896 - Gold is discovered in Klondike territory, Canada, attracting 100,000 adventurers in a two-year rush.

1920 - Romania joins Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia in alliance that becomes Triple Entente, where each country pledges not to conclude peace separately.

1945 - Sukarno proclaims Indonesian independence, but it is refused by the Dutch.

1954 - Two-thousand religious pilgrims drown in a flash flood at the Muslim shrine of the Imam Zadeh Davud in Farahzad, Iran.

1962 - East German border guards shoot and kill an 18-year-old who attempted to cross over the Berlin Wall into the western sector.

1964 - Congolese Premier Moise Tshombe appeals to five African nations to help put down rebellion in the Congo.

1969 - Hurricane Camille hits the Gulf Coast, killing 248 people.

1972 - Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan offers an interim peace agreement with Egypt based on a truce line dividing the Sinai Peninsula.

1976 - Tidal wave on Philippine island of Mindanao leaves estimated 8,000 people dead or missing.

1980 - Diplomatic officials close the British Embassy in Iran because of hostile demonstrations.

1985 - A car packed with dynamite explodes outside crowded supermarket in Lebanon's Christian east Beirut, Lebanon, killing at least 50 people and wounding 80.

1986 - Rescuers continue evacuating by boat more than 100,000 people marooned in flood-swept southeastern India.

1988 - Pakistan's President Zia ul-Haq and U.S. Ambassador Arnold Raphael are killed when their Pakistani military plane explodes. □

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A Village Person tests the copyright law



Victor Willis, (center) the original lead singer of the group, filed papers this year to regain control in 2013 over his share of "Y.M.C.A.," whose lyrics he wrote, under a copyright provision that returns ownership of creative works to recording artists and songwriters after 35 years.

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The prefab, gaudily costumed 1970s group the Village People and its big hit "Y.M.C.A." are enduring symbols of the disco era. But now this campy and eternally popular song has become the centerpiece of what could be a significant test of copyright law. Victor Willis, the original lead singer of the group, filed papers this year to regain control in 2013 over his share of "Y.M.C.A.," whose lyrics he wrote, under a copyright provision that returns ownership of creative works to recording artists and songwriters after 35 years. His claim to "Y.M.C.A." and 32 other Village People compositions, however, is being contested by two companies that administer publishing rights to the songs.

The companies, Scorpio Music, a French business, and Can't Stop Productions, one of its U.S. affiliates, do not deny that Willis, who dressed as a police or naval officer in the group's live performances, is one of the writers of several of the songs, which have made many millions of dollars. But they have asked a court in Los Angeles to deny his attempt to exercise what

are known as "termination rights," arguing, among other things, that the two companies "employed defendant Willis as a writer for hire, and he therefore has no rights" to any share of ownership of the songs.

"This is going to be an important case because they claim my client was a worker for hire," said Willis' lead lawyer, Brian D. Caplan of the New York firm Caplan & Ross. "We are quite confident there will not be finding of work for hire and that the rationale of such a decision will have implications for many other cases."

Lawyers for the two companies, however, dispute the facts and significance of the case and have asked a court to declare Willis' filing "void and of no force." They say his situation has nothing in common with those of Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, Tom Petty, the Eagles and other pop stars of the same era, some of whom are beginning to invoke termination rights on their recordings or compositions. "This is totally different, and outside the scope of these termination rights issues," said Stewart L. Levy, of the New York firm Eisenberg Tanchum & Levy, who is representing the publishing companies. □

Husband of 'Real Housewives' star Armstrong is found dead

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AP Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The estranged husband of a star of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star has been found dead in his Los Angeles home, apparently from suicide.

Taylor Armstrong's husband, Russell Armstrong, 47, was pronounced dead at 8:16 p.m. local time Monday in a home on Mulholland Drive, said Los Angeles County Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter. The death was caused by hanging and a suicide note hasn't been found, he said.

Bravo, home of the "Real Housewives" reality franchise, issued a statement Tuesday saying, "All of us at Bravo are deeply saddened by this tragic news. Our sympathy and thoughts are with the Armstrong family at this difficult time."

Russell Armstrong was an investment banker and venture capitalist. His relationship with his wife was a big part of the drama on the first season of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills," which peeks into the privileged lives of six women living in the posh neighborhood. Armstrong appeared on many episodes, accompanying wife Taylor Armstrong to various events. She often discussed the couple's relationship troubles with the other women on the show, which premiered last year.

The second season is set to begin Sept. 5. In the opening episode, which was filmed months ago, Taylor Armstrong tells the other housewives that she and her husband are going to therapy. Later, she bursts into tears at a dinner party when one of the other women's husbands tells her that therapy is a sign of weakness. Taylor Armstrong is also shown shopping for lingerie to help spice up her marriage.

Bravo provided an advance copy of the premiere episode to the press last week.



Television personality Taylor Armstrong, left, and husband Russell Armstrong attend a Super Bowl party in Dallas, Texas. Russell Armstrong, the estranged husband of "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star Taylor Armstrong, was found dead in his Los Angeles home yesterday.

(AP Photo/Evan Agostini, File)

Court records show Taylor Armstrong filed for divorce on July 15 in Los Angeles. Russell Armstrong had not yet responded to her petition.

The couple was also sued last month for \$1.5 million by a company that claims the pair diverted money from investors to promote their lavish lifestyle, including re-decorating their mansion. The complaint states Russell Armstrong represented himself to be a successful venture capitalist who claimed he had procured \$2 billion for various entities.

His publicist, Rebekah Iliff, said he's the founding managing director of Crescent Financial Partners. She also confirmed the Armstrongs were in the midst of a divorce.

The couple's relationship troubles were set to be part of the show's second season, said fellow housewives Kyle Richards and Camille Grammer, whose own divorce from ex-husband and actor Eddie Cibrian, recently married singer Leann Rimes after an apparent affair documented in tabloids and online. □

Richards said in an inter-

view last week that second-season viewers could expect to see "Taylor's situation, just seeing that unravel and it's a very emotional subject; a very difficult subject."

Richards and Grammer said they weren't surprised that Taylor Armstrong filed for divorce.

"I think we all saw in season one that they weren't exactly a match made in heaven," Richards said.

Taylor Armstrong often complained to her cast mates that she felt neglected by her husband. The two have a young daughter. Besides Taylor Armstrong, Richards and Grammer, "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" stars Adrienne Maloof, Kim Richards and Lisa Vanderpump. Two other women join the show in its second season: Dana Wilkey and Brandi Glanville, who is dealing with the aftermath of her own high-profile divorce. Her ex-husband, actor Eddie Cibrian, recently married singer Leann Rimes after an apparent affair documented in tabloids and online. □

Vintage box camera portrays Mayan women

JACK CHANG
Associated Press

The women gaze patiently out of the darkness at the camera, their silver necklaces and intricately patterned headscarves

taking up the box camera, which uses 19th-century technology to produce its luminous, instantly nostalgic pictures.

He set up the camera in a municipal meeting hall.

frozen."

Jose Sierra Lemus, the organizer of the contest, said the pictures reminded him of vintage images.

"They were very powerful to me," Lemus said. "The idea

was to photograph these women in their clothing and to remember them."

The winner of this year's contest, 23-year-old Rosa Lidia Aguare Castro, is from Santa Lucia La Reforma,

about four hours' drive from the capital of Guatemala City.

She said she and everyone else there speak the language of K'iche' and make it a point to learn their community's centuries-old dances.

During the contest, Aguare Castro wore a striped wool fabric folded over her hair. Like the others, she danced and explained in both her native language and Spanish how she lived as a 21st-century Mayan.

For a country where about 40 percent of people identify themselves as indigenous, the title of National Indigenous Queen is a major honor, equal to or more prestigious than winning the annual Miss Guatemala crown.

"This is important because in Guatemala, there are a lot of influences that come in from the outside," Aguare Castro said. "This festival protects all the traditional dances and customs that come from Guatemala."

Abd said the Afghan box camera is also under threat from outside influences. When Abd visited Afghanistan in 2006, he saw many street photographers using box cameras to take passport photos and portraits. □



Associated Press photographer Rodrigo Abd manipulates a 19th-century style wooden box camera as he photographs a participant of the Rabin Ajau National Folkloric Festival in Guatemala City. Participants had to hold still for up to two minutes as Abd made exposures with light shining directly from the lens onto photo paper inside the box camera.

(AP Photo/Jesus Cuque Lopez)

giving them a regal air. Shadows blur faintly around their faces in the black-and-white photographs, and the diffuse glow of the light brings to mind images from an earlier, less-precise age.

Associated Press photographer Rodrigo Abd made his way to the Guatemalan mountain city of Coban in July to photograph these women vying to become this year's National Indigenous Queen of Guatemala, who is honored for helping keep alive the country's rich Mayan history.

At the same time, Abd was keeping alive another tradition from the other side of the world by using a wooden box camera he had bought in Afghanistan. The Argentine native is part of a worldwide movement of photographers who are

One by one, he invited the prospective queens to sit in front of a black backdrop. The women held still for up to two minutes as Abd made exposures with light shining directly from the lens onto photo paper inside the box camera.

He then produced a negative print of the picture by passing the photo paper through developer and fixer sloshing inside the box. He later repeated the process to make a positive print.

The long exposure time drew serene, pensive expressions from the women, making them appear timeless, almost like hieroglyphs on a temple wall.

"You can't make any real big gestures," Abd said. "You are in front of a box camera. You need to be quiet and you need to be



Associated Press photographer Rodrigo Abd holds a photograph of Elys Natividad Sac Tzaj, 20, a participant of the Rabin Ajau National Folkloric Festival in Guatemala City. Abd used a 19th-century style wooden box camera that he bought in Afghanistan to photograph participants, who had to hold still for up to two minutes as Abd made exposures with light shining directly from the lens onto photo paper inside the box camera.

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A theory of everything (sort of)



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London burns. The Arab Spring triggers popular rebellions against autocrats across the Arab world. The Israeli Summer brings 250,000 Israelis into the streets, protesting the lack of affordable housing and the way their country is now dominated by an oligopoly of crony capitalists. From Athens to Barcelona, European town squares are being taken over by young people railing against unemployment and the injustice of yawning income gaps, while the angry Tea Party emerges from nowhere and sets American politics on its head. What's going on here?

There are multiple and different reasons for these explosions, but to the extent they might have a common denominator I think it can be found in one of the slogans of Israel's middle-class uprising: "We are fighting for an accessible future." Across the world, a lot of middle- and lower-middle-class people now feel that the "future" is out of their grasp, and they are letting their leaders know it.

Why now? It starts with the fact that globalization and the information technology revolution have gone to a whole new level. Thanks to cloud computing, robotics, 3G wireless connectivity, Skype, Facebook, Google, LinkedIn, Twitter, the iPad, and cheap Internet-enabled smartphones, the world has gone from connected to hyper-connected.

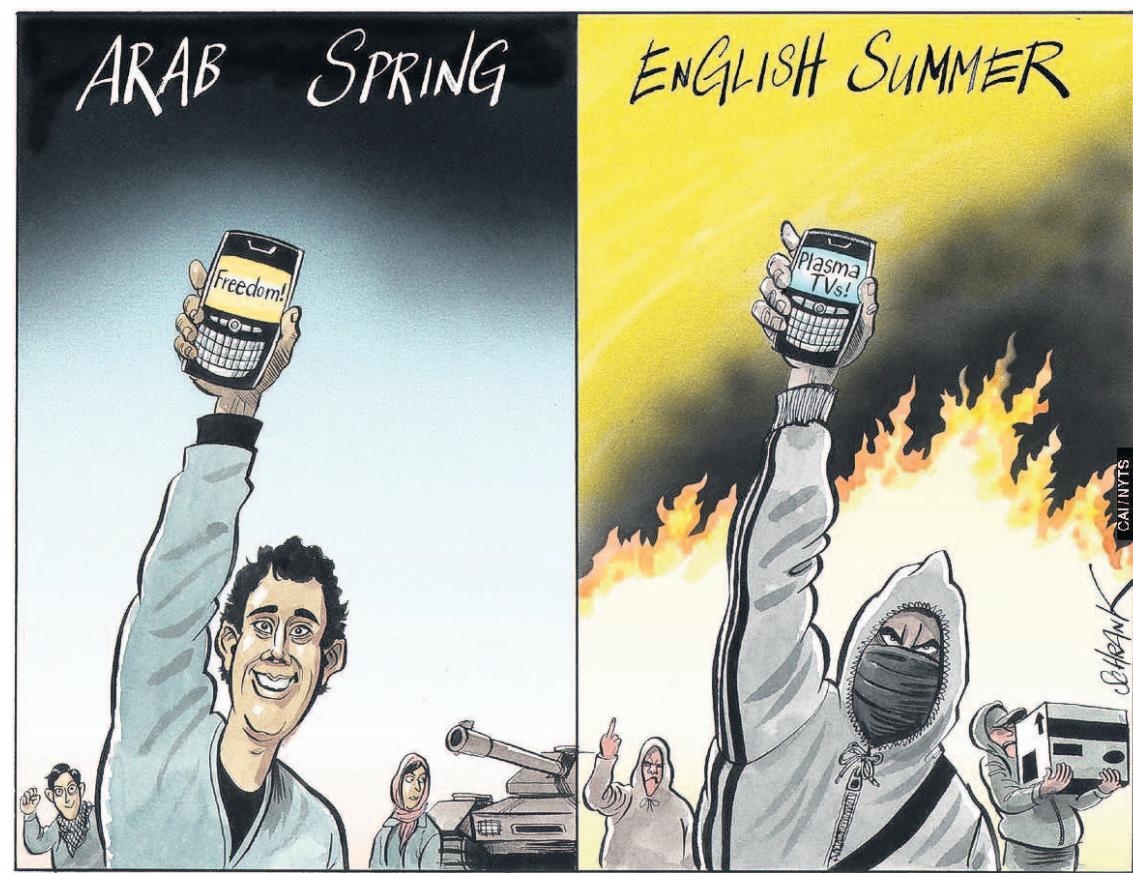
This is the single most important trend in the world today. And it is a critical reason why, to get into the middle class now, you have to study harder, work smarter and adapt quicker than ever before. All this technology and globalization are eliminating more and more "routine" work — the sort of work that once sustained a lot of middle-class lifestyles.

The merger of globalization and IT is driving huge productivity gains, especially in recessionary times, where employers are finding it easier, cheaper and more necessary than ever to replace labor with machines, computers, robots and talented foreign workers. It used to be that only cheap foreign manual labor was easily available; now cheap foreign genius is easily available. This explains why corporations are getting richer and middle-skilled workers poorer. Good jobs do exist, but they require more education or technical skills. Unemployment today still remains relatively low for people with college degrees. But to get one of those degrees and to leverage it for a good job requires everyone to

raise their game. It's hard. Think of what The Times reported last February: At little Grinnell College in rural Iowa, with 1,600 students, "nearly one of every 10 applicants being considered for the class of 2015 is from China." The article noted that dozens of other American colleges and universities are seeing a similar surge as well. And the article added this fact: Half the "applicants from China this year have perfect scores of 800 on the math portion of the SAT."

Not only does it take more skill to get a good job, but for those who are unable to raise their games, governments no longer can afford generous welfare support or cheap credit to be used to buy a home for nothing down — which created a lot of manual labor in construction and retail. Alas, for the 50 years after World War II, to be a president, mayor, governor or university president meant, more often than not, giving things away to people. Today, it means taking things away from people. All of this is happening at a time when this same globalization/IT revolution enables the globalization of anger, with all of these demonstrations now inspiring each other. Some Israeli protesters carried a sign: "Walk Like an Egyptian." While these social protests — and their flash-mob, criminal mutations like those in London — are not caused by new technologies per se, they are fueled by them. This globalization/IT revolution is also "super-empowering" individuals, enabling them to challenge hierarchies and traditional authority figures — from business to science to government. It is also enabling the creation of powerful minorities and making governing harder and minority rule easier than ever. See dictionary for: "Tea Party." Surely one of the iconic images of this time is the picture of Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak — for three decades a modern pharaoh — being hauled into court, held in a cage with his two sons and tried for attempting to crush his people's peaceful demonstrations. Every leader and CEO should reflect on that photo. "The power pyramid is being turned upside down," said Yaron Ezrahi, an Israeli political theorist.

So let's review: We are increasingly taking easy credit, routine work and government jobs and entitlements away from the middle class — at a time when it takes more skill to get and hold a decent job, at a time when citizens have more access to media to organize, protest and challenge authority and at a time when this same merger of globalization and IT is creating huge wages for people with global skills (or for those who learn to game the system and get access to money, monopolies or government contracts by being close to those in power) — thus widening income gaps and fueling resentments even more. Put it all together and you have today's front-page news. □



What is business waiting for?

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When the German economy turned south after the 2008 financial crisis, the pain was mitigated by a program known as "Kurzarbeit."

The word means short work. Instead of laying off workers, German companies cut back their hours. The government then used money set aside during good times to pay the workers around 60 percent of their lost wages. The labor unions went along because they believed it was better to keep people employed even at reduced pay. This is the German social compact.

As we suffer through our own economic hard times, the German approach is something we can only envy. Here, companies quickly lay off workers, many of whom never find their way back into the full-time labor force. Corporations shy away from investing for the future, even though investment is what will turn the economy around. The government, for its part, invariably starts talking about "job creation," but rarely does anything that makes a difference. This downturn is no exception. What are the latest unemployment figures? Some 25 million people — more than 16 percent of the workforce — are looking for full-time work. Companies are hoarding cash while reporting record profits.

As for the government, President Barack Obama's idea of job creation is extending unemployment insurance on the one hand, and painting grandiose pictures of far-off "green jobs" on the other. He is bereft of ideas for creating jobs in the here and now. Meanwhile, the Republicans insist — despite mounds of evidence to the contrary — that more tax cuts would create jobs. By now, most Americans have lost hope that our current government



will come up with a viable jobs program. It won't.

I am coming more and more to think that with the government essentially paralyzed for the foreseeable future, the only way we're going to get jobs is by turning to actual job creators: business itself. With all their cash, companies shouldn't be waiting for Congress to give them tax incentives to hire people. They should be trying to jump-start the economy — and fend off another recession — by making investments, and hiring workers, that will lead to renewed prosperity. The only way that's going to happen, however, is if our society implicitly makes the kind of compact German society makes explicitly: We have to be willing to allow companies to sacrifice short-term profits for the long-term good of the country. As the leadership expert Michael Useem wrote recently on The Washington Post's website, business needs to make "people a priority, not just earnings."

What makes that hard for executives is that they've spent the last 30 years having it beaten into them that the only thing that matters is delivering "shareholder value." Over time, this phrase has become code for focusing on short-term profits — and chief executives who have ignored this mantra

have often found themselves kicked to the street by impatient investors like Carl Icahn.

But as Useem points out, it hasn't always been this way — and doesn't have to be in the future. "What might seem an *idee fixe* of the American way is really a moment's artifice," he writes, "a prescription that served a past era but less well the current one."

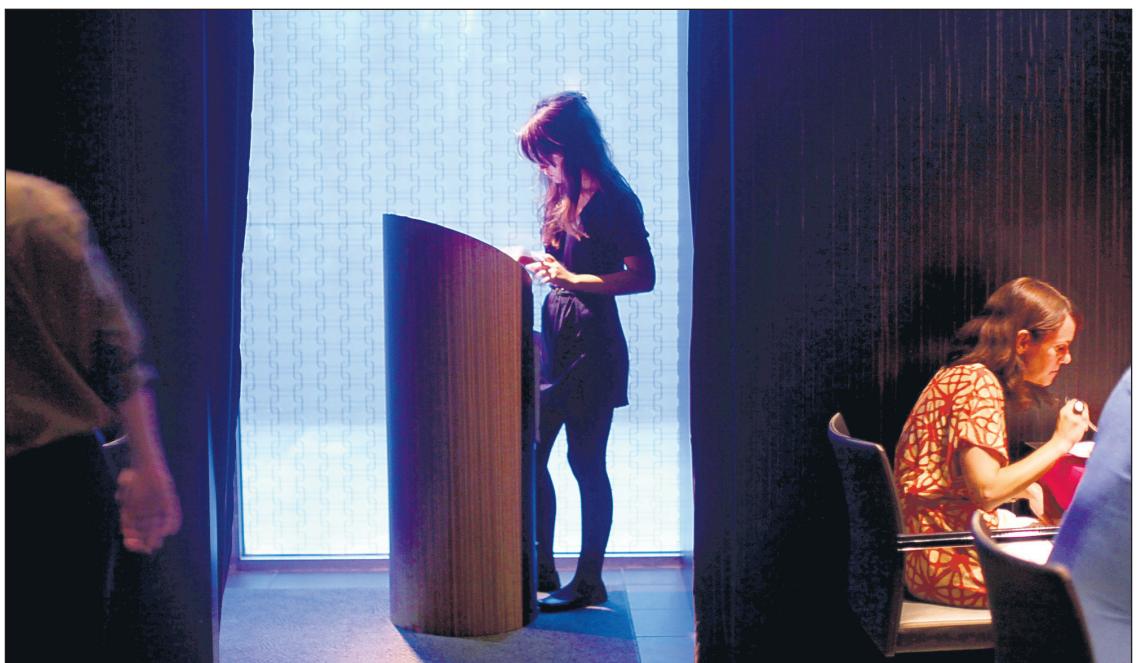
On the contrary: Delaware law, where many big companies are incorporated, gives directors enormous leeway to ignore short-term gain if they believe that doing so would ultimately benefit the corporation.

There is, of course, another reason corporate executives might be reluctant to sacrifice short-term profits by putting people to work. What if their competitors didn't go along? Then they would find themselves at a disadvantage. Useem would tackle that by having a credible group like the Business Roundtable leading the charge, rounding up companies that would agree to start hiring.

But Marc Groz, a financial risk expert I've gotten to know, has what I think is a more intriguing approach, which he calls a "contingent commitment facility." "Everyone is waiting for someone else to go first," he told me the other day. Using his facility, a company would agree to hire X number of new workers. But the commitment would only become binding if certain conditions were met — such as having other companies in the same industry agree to do likewise. Once that happened, all the companies would have to do what they'd promised.

Groz's idea is new and fresh and untested. It could fail. In other words, it is exactly the kind of out-of-the-box "job creation" idea that our stymied government no longer has the ability to come up with. The ball's in business's court now. □

Now appearing in Chicago: a restaurant in footlights



Hostess Annie Sloan at the entrance to Next, the restaurant run by Grant Achatz and Nick Kokonas, in Chicago. Achatz and Kokonas are currently serving Thai food, the second in four planned menus for the restaurant. Dining at Next requires a ticket sold on their website and they go fast.

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The wild catfish in Thai caramel sauce had been devoured and the elegant metal plate holding it whisked away, a gin-clear watermelon consommé tossed back in a short fit of excitement. Coconut would follow, accompanied by Sicilian sweet wine, and dragon fruit with rosewater and a glass of rum, then small transparent bags filled with cold Thai tea sweetened with palm sugar and lightened with milk, straws emerging from their rubber-banded tops. Customers lingered, handicapping early courses: a green papaya salad; a kind of pad Thai. They debated. Was this a better meal than the last one they had had here, only a few weeks ago, when there had been lamb with tomato béarnaise, and a whole duck put through a press in the grand style of La Tour d'Argent? Was the pork-broth tom yum better than the turtle soup from that first magical evening?

It was. It was not! They pushed back their chairs and walked out the door into the inky night. There was no check to pay, no tip to figure. Dinner was over, and that was that. At least until the next one. A challenge and temptation to ambitious chefs across the country has arisen here on Chicago's near

west side, south of the train tracks on a block thick with idle meatpackers' trucks. In a plain and narrow space that evokes a black-box theater, Grant Achatz, the celebrated modernist chef, and his business partner and patron, Nick Kokonas, have opened a restaurant, Next, that offers a new model of fine dining. Service has become theater at Next, right down to the price of admission.

You cannot make a reservation at Next. But you can buy a ticket. And what you get in return changes four times a year.

The restaurant opened in April under the command of the chef Dave Beran. "Paris, 1906" was its first iteration, an exploration of the grand cuisine Auguste Escoffier served at the Ritz hotel in Paris at the turn of the last century. "A Tour of Thailand" is currently playing. Future productions, Beran and Achatz say, could bring a meal inspired by a children's book, or an account of life in Italy after World War II.

As at the Steppenwolf Theater down the street from Achatz's first restaurant, the much-lauded and science-mad Alinea which opened in 2005, Next requires a willing suspension of disbelief: in this case that great cooks can embody any role, cook anything well, from any larder, at any time. It rewards that



Cucumber rounds stuffed with chicken mousse and wrapped with pork belly, a dish from the first menu at Next, the restaurant run by Grant Achatz and Nick Kokonas, in Chicago.

(Sally Ryan/The New York Times)

conviction with giddy excitement, real passion and occasionally with art. It is a daring conceit that far less talented chefs and restaurateurs may try to copy, in return for the regular bursts of attention it ensures.

It is not easy to eat at Next. The restaurant has only 62 seats and no phone number: Kokonas has designed the business so that the tickets are sold only through the website, nextrestaurant.com, where they are generally snatched up the moment they are released. Prices are variable, as on Broadway. Two seats at Next on a Wednesday night at 9:30 p.m. are \$130. On a Saturday night at 7 p.m., they are \$220. (Wine

pairings run an extra \$75 a person regardless of time or day. A nonalcoholic pairing is \$38.) Tax and a service charge are built into the cost.

In this, too, other restaurants may discover a model. There are no slow nights at Next, as every seat has been sold in advance, and thus no issues of cash flow. Tickets are nonrefundable, just as at the opera or the ballpark.

Customers create an account on the restaurant's website and ask to be notified by email when new tickets are available. When they are, the buyers return to the website to choose a date, time and table price. Then they pay.

ing the restaurant's website to sell tickets at face value, helped in part by a "transfer tickets" tool.

With the help of a Chicago-area reader who had been one of the first to sign up on the restaurant's website, I managed to secure face-value tickets for Next for both the Paris menu and the Thai one. I ate anonymously, once early in the evening, once very late.

In addition, I had drinks both odd and marvelous in the Aviary, the luxe, radical cocktail bar that Achatz and Kokonas have established adjacent to Next, as well as in the Office, a tiny windowless, deeply comfortable version of a speakeasy they have set up in

the basement. The partners' cocktail chef, Craig Schoettler, is a gastronaut of the first order. (Try his Peach cocktail before peaches disappear: wheat whiskey and white port flavored with maple sap and ice balls made of Angostura bitters. Have a bite of lobster on a cracker with it, topped with comte cheese.) Time passes in the Office as if on the wind. It is possible to imagine yourself returning daily.

I ate very well at Next and sometimes simply well, and always more enjoyably than at Alinea. Next is more casual in its service and more daredevil in its concept, if less aggressively modernist. □